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## CIVIL WAR NEGOTIATIONS? "Best Possible Solution" For China

### C-IN-C'S VISIT TO SAIGON

Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, is scheduled to leave Hong Kong tomorrow for Saigon on a courtesy visit.

### Bomb Plot Widow Gets Her Jewels

Frankfurt, Feb. 21. The United States Army disclosed today that nine Army Counter-Intelligence agents, acting on a tip from a German police official, stole a buried fortune in jewelry belonging to a German countess in 1945 and the gems are now being returned to her.

Army officials said that the men have returned to civilian life and none has been prosecuted.

The Army told the United Press that the jewelry belonged to Countess Nina von Stauffenberg, widow of Count Blaus von Stauffenberg, who nearly killed Hitler with a bomb in 1944. She claimed that the gems are worth \$250,000.

According to the Army, the Countess was thrown into a concentration camp after the bombing. The Gestapo confiscated the jewelry, burying some of them on the Stauffenberg estate.

A German official, carrying their favour, told the agents about the buried fortune. They apparently took all they could. The Army started investigation in 1946 with the help of Federal Bureau investigators and got back some jewels.

The Countess is supposed to be related to Britain's Mountbatten family.—United Press.

## Huge Fires Rage In Steel City

Shanghai, Feb. 21. Only two isolated Nationalist fortified positions in the northern part of Anshan were still resisting today after an eight-day and night-long fierce battle for the "steel capital of Manchuria," according to pro-Government reports reaching Shanghai.

Radio contact, however, between the defenders and Mukden has been cut while huge fires are raging in various parts of the city. Nationalist warplanes were unable to assist the garrison because of heavy snowfall.

In Central China further Government successes in Honan province brought closer the date when the entire southern section of the Peiping-Hankow railway will be re-opened to traffic.

Pro-Government dispatches today claimed that Government forces sweeping northward from Chengchow, have recaptured all the main intermediary points and two columns are expected to effect a junction.

### ON OTHER PAGES

## Motives Behind Stuart Appeal

Nanking, Feb. 21. The United States Ambassador, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, said today that he believed the "best possible" solution of the China problem was resumption of negotiations between the Nationalists and the Communists.

Dr. Stuart emphasised that this was his personal point of view and not necessarily the official State Department attitude.

"The Ambassador made the statement during an exclusive interview with United Press in which he explained the motives behind the issuance of his 'message to the Chinese people' two days ago.

Dr. Stuart said that hope that negotiations between the Communists and Nationalists might be resumed was one of the motives behind his decision to issue the message but added that this was "not the primary motive."

In an explanation of his "primary motive" Mr. Stuart declared: "The message grew out of my conviction that the only hope for democracy in China or any other country is to have a citizenry that realises its rights and responsibilities. There are many public spirited people in China who could help the Government to render its best service to the nation if they were able to organize effectively and make articulate the will of the people."

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Karachi, Feb. 21. British and Pakistan representatives today signed an agreement here on Pakistan's sterling balances in Britain.

Details of the agreement are to be published simultaneously in London, Karachi and New Delhi on Monday.—Reuters.

## Ashida New Jap Premier

Tokyo, Feb. 21. Foreign Minister Hiroshi Ashida, President of the moderately conservative Democratic Party, was today elected Prime Minister by five votes over the required majority in the House of Representatives election.

Ashida polled 216 votes to 180 for former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, President of the arch-conservative Liberal Party. The required majority was 211.

For the first time in Japan's history, a Communist was nominated for a Premiership. Kiyuchi Tokuda, Secretary-General, received three votes from Party members in the Lower House.

Out-going Prime Minister Tetsu Katayama received eight votes, although he said he would not hold the position again.

Ashida, a member of the House of Representatives, remained calmly smiling in his seat as the roll-call progressed. A 59-year-old former diplomat and newspaperman, he recently advocated a "middle-of-the-road" policy.—Associated Press.

## Gottwald Accuses

Prague, Feb. 21. M. Klement Gottwald, Czechoslovak Communist Premier, today accused the three Right-wing Czechoslovakian parties, forming part of the coalition government, whose ministers resigned yesterday, of plotting against the constitution.

Addressing a mass meeting outside the Prague Town Hall he explained to a large crowd the circumstances of the four-day old crisis.

The three Right-wing parties, he said, had "formed a bloc against the rules of the constitution and conspired to prevent the Ministry of the Interior from investigating the plot."

He announced that the Communist Party had demanded an immediate meeting of the National Front (representing all Government parties) to discuss crisis.

The Premier blamed the "reactionary parties" for "intriguing against social reforms and the Soviet alliance, for being afraid of new elections, and for 'favouring' foreign spies against the Soviet Union on Czechoslovakian soil.—Reuters.

## Gold Still In Demand

Gold continued its non-stop climb yesterday and at the close of the market was in demand at \$358 a tael. The opening quotation was \$352, and some ups and downs, during which the rate dropped to \$347.75, but was a "one-way movement" until the market closed.

Plaster closed at \$11.87 1/2 a 100, went up to \$12.40, and closed at \$12.20.

Chinese National Currency weakened noticeably. Futures, after opening at 26 cents, went down to 25 cents but recovered to 25 1/8 cents (for ONE 10,000) at the close. Spot was nominal at 27 cents.

U.S. dollars were maintained at \$5.42 with the underdone strong.

Sterling was weaker at \$12.90, but Australian pounds were unchanged at \$11.51. Tails were weaker at \$24.00 a 100, while N.E.I. Guilders were unchanged at \$21.50 a 100.

## US Arms Sales To China

Washington, Feb. 21. The State Department has advised Congress that new United States military aid is on its way to the anti-Communist forces in China.

The Department, in a memorandum to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, revealed that several contracts have been approved to sell to Chiang Kai-shek's Government surplus United States war goods at sharply reduced prices. The goods include planes and ammunition.

Diplomatic sources said the Chinese Mission also received assurances that the United States Army will pour the Pacific for additional planes which might be made available to the Nationalists.

China will get the war materials at a small fraction of their original cost. One contract turns over to China goods originally valued at several million dollars. The Chinese will pay only 12 1/2 per cent of that.

Another signed last month provides for the transfer of ammunition now located in the Marianas. China will pay one cent on the dollar.

Eighty fighter planes have been earmarked for the Far East under the surplus property programme.—United Press.

## Priority List In China Aid Plan

Washington, Feb. 21. An increase in the capacity of the Shanghai United Power Company and the rehabilitation of the Hankow-Canton railway headed the list of projects which Secretary of State George Marshall submitted to Congress as comprising those which the State Department thought should have "urgent" consideration under the \$50,000,000 portion of the China aid programme marked for "reconstruction."

Also included in this priority list were plans for the rehabilitation of Western Kiangsi coal mines and Hsiangtan coal mines.

The report emphasized that "this listing merely indicates the more urgent needs of China and does not imply approval of the projects at this time by the United States Government."

The Department programme estimated that \$14,000,000 from the United States would accomplish the badly needed increase in the power production of the Shanghai power plant.

The report said that due to the power shortage in Shanghai "there is widespread unemployment and the production of consumable goods is inadequate to supply essential needs or provide surplus for export."

It pointed out that the American Corporation of the Shanghai Power Company is the principal supplier in that area.

## CHAOS IN SHANGHAI Rice Soars To A Record High

Shanghai, Feb. 21. Shanghai's commodity and share markets continued the upward climb today with the price of rice hitting an all-time high of NC\$24,400,000 per picul of 170 lbs. — an increase of 30 per cent over quotations two weeks ago.

Although black market rates for the United States dollar were slightly lower than yesterday's record high of NC\$225,000, foreign and Chinese shares jumped an average of 10 per cent over yesterday's closing quotations.

Greenbacks were sold this morning on the black market at NC\$215,000 — a drop of NC\$10,000 from yesterday.

Rice shops today refused to sell their products to all comers, but "back-door" transactions with buyers who personally knew shop-keepers were reported.

The city authorities appear to be anxious about the rice situation here. Officials, however, believed that the present rice crisis was the result of manipulation by rice merchants as there is no shortage in the city.

It is believed here that drastic measures will be taken by the authorities who already have asked rice dealers to register their stock with the Bureau of Social Affairs. Reliable sources said that Mayor K.C. Wu would summon leading rice-shop owners to a meeting this evening in an effort to stabilize the situation. The same source reported that beginning today rice will be allocated to merchants by the city Government as a temporary measure to check the hoarding of rice by shops.

Meanwhile, a total of 66,748 sacks of American rice arrived here yesterday, together with 40,316 bags of relief flour. The shipment forms part of the post-UNRRA relief programme.

It is also learned that the first city-wide rationing of rice will start here in the middle of March.—Reuters.

### FIRING SQUADS KEPT BUSY

Athens, Feb. 21. Firing squads today executed 20 persons charged with Leftist activities.

They shot two groups starting at 6.30 a.m. The first group of nine included a woman. The second group of 11 was killed at 7 a.m.

Members of the first group included a man accused of slaying a policeman in Athens in early December. The second group included men sentenced two years ago for killing 200 persons in the December, 1944, uprising. All were sentenced to court martial.—United Press.

Paris, Feb. 21. New cases of typhus, mostly affecting children, are being registered in Rumania at the rate of 2,500 each week, the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund announced here, tonight.—Reuters.

## FIRE ON OIL TENDER

Prompt action by the crew of the S.S. "Yung Che" in Kowloon Bay extinguished a fire in the boiler room about 8 p.m. yesterday.

The ship's fire extinguishers were at once trained on the seat of the fire and put it out before it could spread.

The "Yung Che," an oil tender belonging to the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., had just completed loading a full cargo of petrol, and had tied up in Kowloon Bay preparatory to leaving for Shanghai.

## Britain Hit By Blizzards

London, Feb. 21. Heavy snow fell on England and Italy today but Europe's worst cold wave of the winter showed signs of breaking in Germany.

Blizzards isolated Kent and Surrey villages, stalled buses throughout South-east England, slowed trains and snapped electric and telephone wires.

More than a foot of snow fell in the London suburbs and it was still snowing at midday. Drifts up to four feet cut off Broadhurst, Kent, from all road transportation.

London-Exeter trains arrived up to 70 minutes late. Five southern region stations on the Sandhurst line were closed because drifts buried the rails. Trains from Scotland were two hours late.

Two persons in Southeast England collapsed and died while wading through the deep snow. Mrs. W. V. G. Christian, 60, of Sussex, her three-year-old son and baby daughter were trapped three hours in a taxi in a six-foot drift on the South Downs above Brighton. A farm tractor finally pulled the taxi free.

Temperatures throughout Britain were in the lower twenties. Huge waves battered the South-east coast. A 40-foot stretch of Yellstone Pier collapsed.—United Press.

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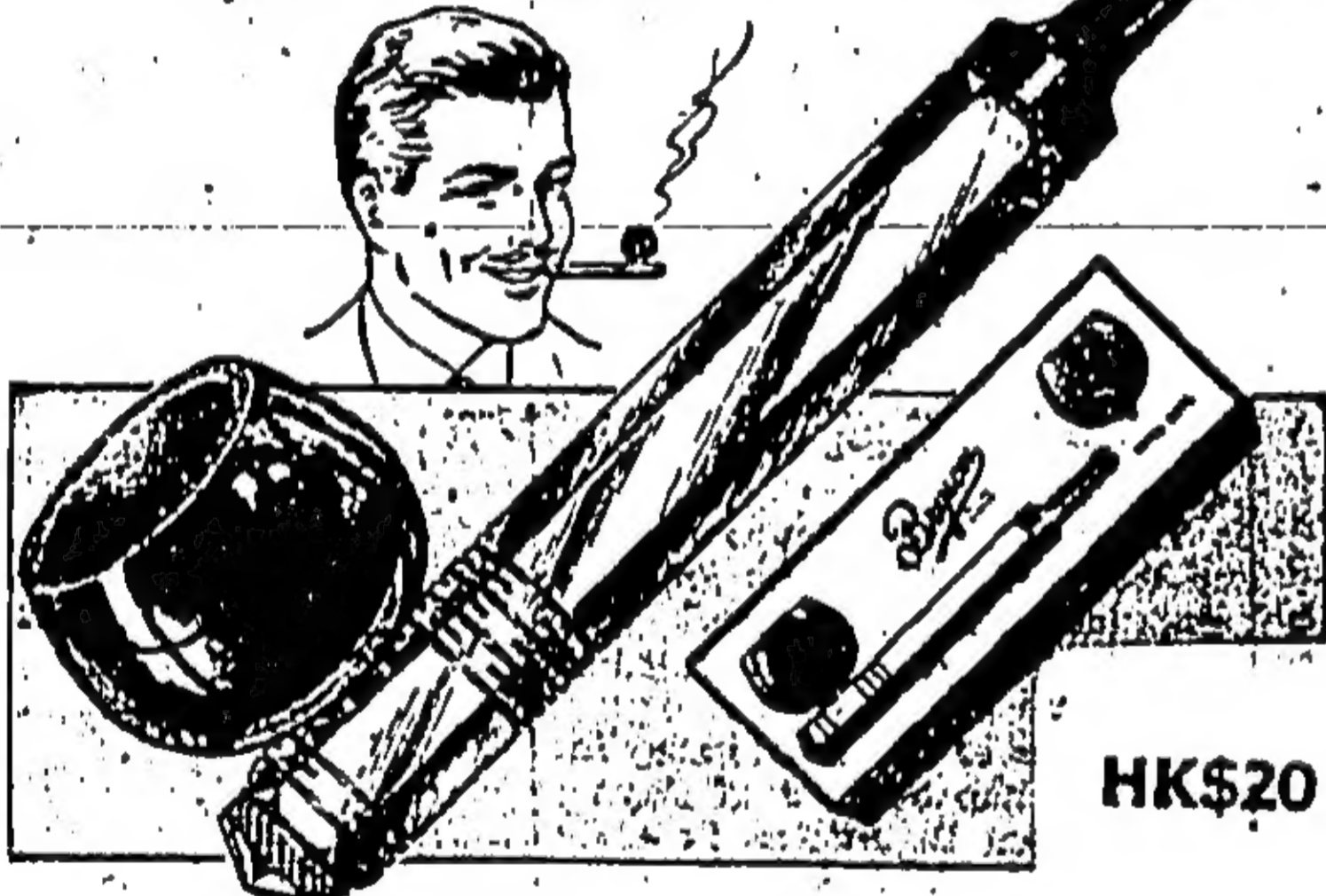
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# SHIP'S OFFICERS CENSURED Court's Findings On Ship Fire

Frank Raymond Wood, Master of the s.s. "Hain Kong So," and John Henry Kelly, Chief Engineer of the same ship, were censured by the Marine Court of Inquiry which yesterday delivered the unanimous findings of its investigation into the fire which gutted the vessel on Feb. 6.

At the same time, the Court proclaimed that in its opinion, "the time has come for a review of all existing regulations and instructions on the subject of fire prevention, especially on ships of this class."

While commending the master of the "Hain Kong So" in that there was no loss of life, the Court, comprising Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Lt. P. E. Neville, Neville-Town, D.S.C., R.N., and Mr. W. Bell, declared that "had adequate orders been issued early, during the course of the first fire, to inspect the vessel, more especially the surrounding compartments including the forward No. 1 hold, the second fire would have been detected in its initial stage and might have been prevented entirely from developing into the conflagration which ultimately consumed the entire ship."

The Court found that the chief engineer "failed to make the best use of all fire fighting equipment in the case of the stokehold fire, in particular the steam smothering system."

The details of the Court's findings follow:

"We find that the 'Hain Kong So', a British ship of 1,037.39 gross tons, 566.17 net registered tonnage, built in 1910, registered at Hong Kong on October 7, 1947, in the name of Messrs. Wheelock & Co., Ltd., was completely burnt out by fire while lying beached in a bay on the south-west corner of the island of Lantau (latitude 22° 12' N. long. 113° 51' E.) on February 6, 1948.

## The Cargo

"At the time of the casualty, the vessel was commanded by Frank Raymond Wood, Master Mariner; the chief officer was William Anderson, Master Mariner; the chief engineer was John Henry Kelly; the ship's officers included 2nd and 3rd engineers; there was a crew of 44; there was 140 passengers on board and 80 tons of miscellaneous cargo including a quantity of Chinese crackers, joss sticks, camphor wood planks, Chinese wine, Chinese medicine and eggs and 10 water buffaloes; the Chinese medicines and the buffaloes were 'tween decks on top of No. 1 forward hold. The remainder of the cargo was stored in the No. 1 hold, (except that in the recollection of the No. 1 tallyman some Chinese wine was in the 'tween decks) the hatch covers of which were in place and covered with tarpaulin. The fire fighting equipment on board exceeded requirements, and the vessel was in all other respects adequately manned and equipped. She was properly surveyed in Sept./Oct. 1947.

"It appears that at 6.10 a.m. on Feb. 6, while the vessel on its alternate daily return trip from Macau to Hongkong was approaching the south-western tip of Lantau Island, a fire was observed by Cheung Hing, the stoker on duty in the stokehold, and the saw flames coming from the smokebox of the port boiler. This was immediately reported to the 2nd engineer who was on watch in the adjoining engine room, and two water hoses (the latter being operated from 'ladders' grating above the stokehold) were at once applied to the fire.

## Conflict Of Evidence

"All witnesses seem to agree that this fire was brought under control and finally extinguished by about 7.30 a.m. This was accomplished by the use of fire extinguishers and hoses only. The steam smothering system was not used as the steam valve concerned, was situated between decks on the 2nd deck and, according to the Chief Engineer, he could not get near it as the boiler casing plates were white hot. How long the fire had been going on before the plates reached this state is not known. The Chief Engineer stated the fuel control valve and gave orders for the ventilator cowls to be covered at the beginning of the fire.

"In the meantime, according to the master, the speed of the vessel was reduced at 6.15 a.m. from 10 knots to 4 knots and it had been decided, as early as 6.30 a.m. in consultation with the Chief Engineer, to beach the vessel. Life boats and rafts were put in a state of readiness, and the vessel was in fact beached about 7 a.m. Disembarkation (helped to a certain extent by some sampans which came alongside) commenced, and there was no loss of life and no loss of passengers' baggage. The bulkheads were safely landed. There appears to have been no panic amongst the passengers.

"There is a serious conflict, however, between the evidence of the senior officers and that of the subordinate personnel, including the engine room crew, regarding the severity and effect of the fire. It is impossible to reconcile the evidence of the greaser and fireman (Choy Lam and Choy Sing) and that of the 2nd engineer (Alfred Tio), all of whom went into the stokehold after the fire was extinguished at 7.30 a.m. and to a greater or less extent examined the machinery without encountering any ill effects on account of heat, with the account given by the Chief Engineer and Chief Officer.

## Exaggerated

"We are constrained to believe, having seen and heard the witnesses, that the account given by the Chief Engineer and Chief Officer, both as regards the amount of heat generated and the amount of smoke, is somewhat exaggerated, and we accept the evidence of Choy Lam and Choy Sing in this connection.

"It is most regrettable, therefore, that the stokehold was not visited after this fire was extinguished, by the senior engineer officer aboard who could have examined the mechanism minutely and could have given the Court valuable evidence on the possible causes of this fire. We feel safe in accepting the fact that about 7.30 a.m. both boilers contained about 60 lbs. per sq. inch of steam.

"As the evidence stands, we are unable to say what the cause of this fire was. Those subordinate witnesses of the engine room crew who actually did visit the stokehold speak of oil pipes being tipped and damaged. But that would be a normal consequence of a fire which raged throughout the whole area for more than an hour. There is no concrete evidence to support the theory that any part of the fuel transmission system from the settling tank to the burners, via the heater, burst, thereby causing a stream of oil to be projected into the stokehold, although we must regard that as a possibility. A defective burner could also be regarded as a possible cause.

## Significant

"The only available evidence points to the fire having started, for some unexplained reason, from the outboard smokebox of the port boiler. It is significant that when Mr. Hamilton visited the vessel two days after it had been burnt out and a fire in the forward hold was still burning, that the bulkhead separating the stokehold from the hold, some 3 feet away from the source of the original stokehold fire, was still intact.

"No one seems to have kept an accurate mental time-table of events that morning, and the exact time when smoke was first seen emerging from the No. 1 hold is not clear. It is seen to have been about 7.30 a.m. and 7.45 a.m. Prior to this, no orders seem to have been issued by anyone with a view to ascertaining the state of the hold, where most of the cargo was stored, where there was a large oil settling tank, and which was well covered by a heavy steel plate. The stokehold was visited at 7.30 a.m. and the fire was extinguished. The fire was then reported to the Master and the Chief Officer, who then gave orders for the vessel to be beached and for the passengers to be disembarked.

portions, that it was deemed inadvisable to open the lower hatch (thereby allowing additional air to enter the hold) with a view to ascertaining the cause of it; and all that was done was to play two hoses as well as possible on the hatch and hope for the best. Apparently these hoses had a fairly reasonable pressure of water to begin with, but the pressure gradually dwindled and eventually failed altogether about 9.20 a.m.

## Not Reported

"Some time prior to this, the chief officer stated he turned on the steam smothering system, but he was of the opinion that there was little or no steam in the pipes. This was not reported to the engine room, as it was apparently assumed that, as the steam smothering system was part of the auxiliary supply which was on at all times, there must have been no steam in the boilers. This appears to be rather extraordinary considering the first fire had been extinguished at 7.30 a.m. when there was 60 lbs. of steam pressure; although the pressure of water decreased soon after the hoses were applied, no effort was made to use the steam pump as by this time (about 9 a.m.) the smoke from No. 1 hold was increasing so much that it was felt it would be ineffective. The chief engineer also feared by this time that the settling tank might explode. No flames were seen anywhere. It was decided to abandon ship at 9.40 a.m. Flames were first seen coming from the forward part of the ship about 10.30 a.m. an hour after the abandonment.

"The cause of this second fire, which eventually gutted the vessel, is also unknown. The Chinese crackers, which was the only item of dangerous goods on board, were stowed in the forward 'tween decks. They took no part in the initial spread of the fire, although after abandonment, and the fire became generalised, they were heard exploding. Throughout the enquiry, the possibility of the No. 1 hold bulkhead becoming red-hot as a result of the fire fire was the result of the chief officer's next to that bulkhead (or near it) or the oil in the settling tank, or the communicating pipe, becoming ignited, was kept in mind. But we have no concrete evidence of that.

## Regrettable

"That may be the explanation of the cause of this second fire. We do not know. But it is, to say the least of it, regrettable that no senior officer on board thought it worth while to give orders that the compartment adjoining the area of the first fire, be kept under observation as from 6.30 a.m. If that had been done, even although fire had threatened to develop at 7.30 a.m., with 60 lbs. of steam pressure, then in the steam smothering system, we feel constrained to believe that that second fire need never have been allowed to develop in the way that it did.

"Bearing in mind, of course, (a) the fact that repairs to the heater, tubes, jointing and other parts were carried out as recently as 27.1.48, (b) the fact that the No. 1 filter (Mak Kam-chun), which he did not go down tightening all coupling joints during the few days subsequent to 27.1.48, was satisfied there were no leaks, (c) the fact that those people who actually did go right into the stokehold, immediately after the first fire was extinguished, did not see any evidence of the bulkhead being red-hot, although blackened, (d) the absence of any other evidence indicating definitely a nexus between the first and second fire, and (e) (while making allowances for the Chief Officer's inexperience of what an oil fire looked and smelt like) the fact of his repeated assertion, in a general way, that the smoke from both fires contained 'gas', we feel bound to say that the possibility of incendiarism cannot be definitely ruled out.

## No Suspicion

"Owing to the very recent engagement of a new engine room crew and the irregularity of their signing on, the Court was on its guard throughout the enquiry to test the bona fides of this aspect of the matter. There is to be little room for any suspicion on that score. Indeed, some of the most specific and enlightening evidence was given by these new hands.

"A review of the existing instructions on the subject of fire and other emergency precautions, reveals that some of these were either relaxed, or are not enforced with the same stringency in some of the smaller vessels flying in what is known as the 'river trade', as in ocean going vessels. In the present case we are satisfied there was a complete absence of adequate fire precautions; fire drills for crew (especially bearing in mind the frequent changes) were too seldom carried out and inadequately conducted. One witness said he never did any fire drill. Most witnesses, in this case, when asked 'to describe a fire drill', proceeded to describe some sort of 'submarine' whereby everybody took to the life boats as fast as they could.

"We gained the impression in this case that the senior officers were not sufficiently aware of what was going on in the vessel under their care, and, in particular, were not taking proper advantage of the opportunities which were afforded them for ascertaining the state of the vessel. It is regrettable that the senior officers were not more vigilant in their duties, and that the vessel was not more thoroughly inspected after the first fire was extinguished. The Court is of the opinion that the time has come for a review of all existing regulations and instructions on the subject of fire prevention, especially on ships of this class."

and lack of initiative on the part of the senior officers. There can be no excuse in a properly organized vessel, for the failure of the master, (through the chief engineer) to ascertain important facts, such as, that the boiler pressure at 7.30 a.m. was 60 lb.

## Time For Review

"It is within our knowledge that this is the third fire on a ship which has occurred in the waters of the Colony during the last year. And, in our opinion, the time has come for a review of all existing regulations and instructions on the subject of fire prevention, especially on ships of this class.

"A master of a well-organized ship is entitled to assume that his subordinates will act in an emergency, in accordance with pre-arranged rules and established practice. But it cannot be too strongly emphasized that the ultimate responsibility for the safety of a ship, and all aboard her, rests upon the shoulders of the master; and while we commend the master of the 'Hain Kong So' that, in the result, there was no loss of life, we feel strongly that had adequate orders been issued early, during the course of the first fire, to inspect the vessel, more especially the surrounding compartments including the forward No. 1 hold, the second fire would have been detected in its initial stages, and might have been prevented entirely from developing into the conflagration which ultimately consumed the entire ship.

## Censure

"We also are of the opinion that the fire fighting equipment on board was not used to the best advantage. For example, we consider that the Chief Engineer should have taken immediate steps to bring into operation the steam smothering system to the stokehold fire. Again only two of the 6 hoses were used at any one time. At least one smoke helmet was on board. It was not in fact used, and we find it difficult to believe that it was at all material times inaccessible.

"In conclusion we are of the opinion that while the master took timely and adequate steps to prevent loss of life, his failure, not only to ensure that the best possible immediate use was made of all available fire fighting equipment, but also to issue orders for the inspection of the compartments of the ship adjoining the seat of the first fire, contributed to the loss of this vessel. His omissions in our opinion amount to default within the meaning of sub-section 8(a) of Section 10 of Ordinance 10 of 1899.

"The chief engineer also failed to make the best use of all fire fighting equipment in the case of the stokehold fire, in particular the steam smothering system. While his responsibility for the vessel is not as great as that of the master, his omissions also in our opinion amount to default. This is a Court of Investigation into a casualty, not a Court of Inquiry into charges of incompetence or misconduct; and, as we are at present constituted in view of the provisions of section 10 (2) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, we may take no further action except to record our censure of both these officers."

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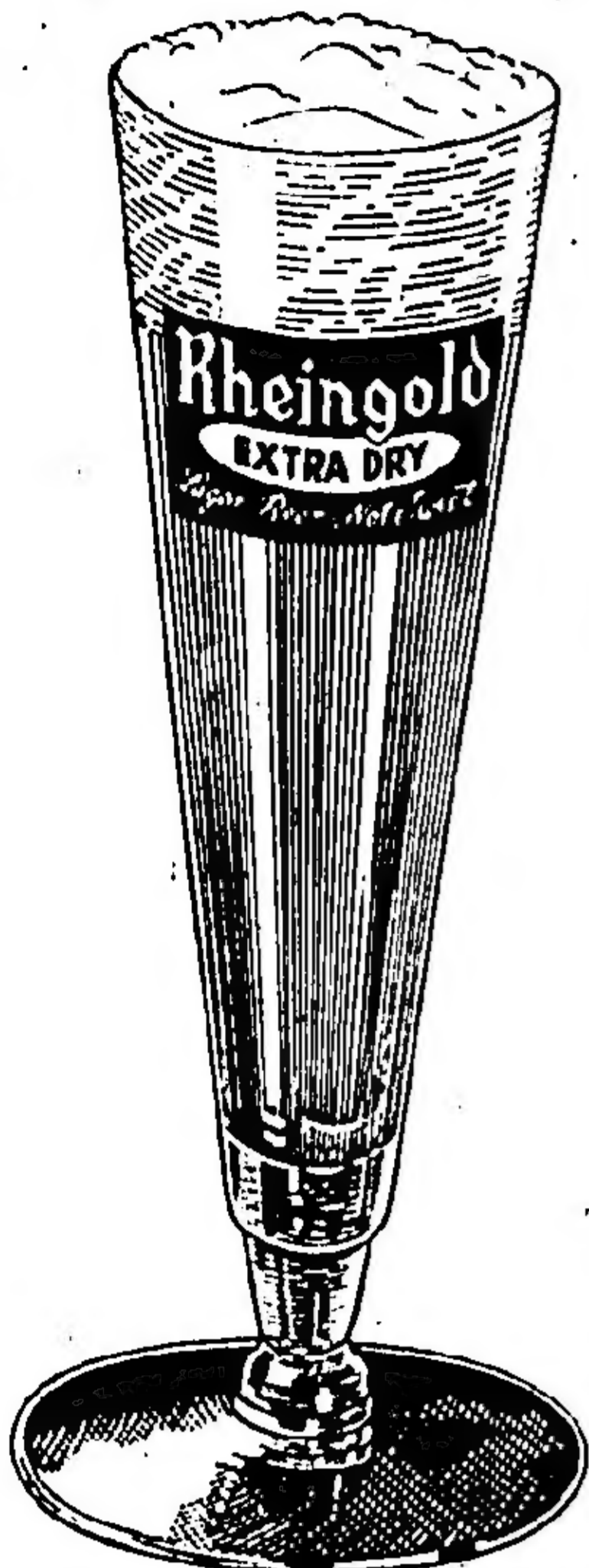
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### Dynamite In Basket

When Pang Woon-ming (20) and Yu Wing (24) alighted from taxi at South Wall Road at the junction of Carpenter Road, Kowloon City, they were stopped by Det. Sgt. Tam Chung and Det. Cpl. Wu Ching-eh, who proceeded to search the basket they were carrying.

A parcel in the basket was found to contain 400 sticks of dynamite, while 400 sticks were discovered in the luggage compartment of the taxi. The dynamite were contained in four tins.

Questioned, first accused (said DSI J. R. Sykes in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday) admitted that he stole the dynamite and detonators from the Tai Kok Tsui Quarry where he was employed as a watchman and storekeeper.

The second defendant (said DSI Sykes) stated that he was acting as a go-between for the sale of the dangerous goods.

Pang, charged with larceny and possession of dangerous goods, was sentenced to a year's hard labour. Yu, on the charges of receiving stolen property and possession of dangerous goods, was sent down for eight months with hard labour.

### ST. PAUL'S FUNCTION

Five entertaining events, including vocal recitals, and a Hawaiian Hula Exhibition Dance by Miss Ramona Rull, are on the programme of the St. Paul's College Old Boys Union's annual ball scheduled for Tuesday night at the Griggs.

Attractive prizes will be awarded in the course of the evening to the winners of raffles and games. These include a radio set, two-piece fountain pen sets, gold bracelets and earrings, and other useful articles.

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Referred to by Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes as "a pretty girl with an innocent-looking face whose story softened the hardened hearts of half the C.I.D. staff at Mong Kok," Cheng Mel-fung (17), spinster, living at an unnumbered hut at Bridges Street, Hong Kong, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with larceny of \$170 on Nov. 3 last.

Behind her innocent-looking exterior was a mind which could only conceive all that was evil according to DSI Sykes. He added that, according to an officer of the Salvation Army Home (to where the girl was sent in December and January last), Cheng whined away her time at the Home teaching the other girls to be bad.

Defendant, said DSI Sykes, ran away from the Home on the first occasion she was sent there, and, the second time, started to teach the girls how to escape, as well as "some answers to all the questions."

### An Expert

An officer of the Home, continued DSI Sykes, told him that the girl was an expert in picking locks.

Detailing the facts of the case, DSI Sykes said that at 10.30 a.m. on Nov. 3 last, Chung Yi, of 1162 Canton Road, third floor, placed \$170 in one of her jackets. Defendant (explained prosecuting officer) was the brother-in-law of complainant's son, and live on the premises.

At 5 p.m. that day, when complainant returned home she found both defendant and the \$170 missing.

Nothing more was heard of the matter until 8 p.m. on Feb. 5 when, as luck would have it, defendant boarded a bus on which complainant's grandson was working as a conductor. He took her to the Mong Kok Police Station.

### Allegation

In the C.I.D. office (continued DSI Sykes) accused alleged that complainant took her to the roof of the house and there forced her to become a prostitute. As the result of this allegation, inquiries were conducted by H. and his man for a whole week. Numerous people were interviewed and it was found that the allegation was untrue.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' simple imprisonment.

## Hub Cap Theft Epidemic

A "terrific epidemic" of larceny of car hub caps in the Colony was revealed by DSI Cochrane at Central Magistracy yesterday when Yu Ah-yu, 43, unemployed, appeared before Mr. F. K. d'Almada charged with stealing a hub cap and 49 wheel hub covers and 18 head lamp glasses and rims.

Yu, who had two previous convictions, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Cochrane told the Court that the Larceny Squad found it almost impossible to trace the thieves till two weeks ago when a Chinese male informant Police that someone had offered him hub caps. He was instructed to buy some and defendant was eventually arrested.

Cochrane also informed the Court that following the announcement in the press of lost hub caps to be returned to owners on application the office was crowded daily.

Stolen hub caps are difficult to replace and can only be obtained from the car manufacturers. Replacement of these would cost about \$80.

"You were sent to prison for five months, yet you stole again when you were out," Mr. F. K. d'Almada remarked when he sentenced defendant.

The exhibits were ordered to be returned to their respective owners.

## Readers' Letters

Sir,—I wonder if you could assist me to try and trace the owner of a set of Chamber's Encyclopaedia (10 volumes) which is now in this school. The books were presented in 1880 by the Liverpool School of Science to the winner of Lord Derby's Science Prize.

E. G. STEPHEN  
Principal, Bellinus Public School.

Sir,—I was rather attracted by a news item in your paper regarding the request for information regarding an accident in which a 7-Seater light grey car was alleged to have knocked down a European pedestrian on Friday the 13th at the Star Ferry, Kowloon.

Apparently, the driver of the above car was not aware of the accident, otherwise he would certainly have stopped at that time and reported the matter to the Police.

JOHN CITIZEN

## H.K. Products For Industries Fair

Samples of the products of 23 local factories will be on display at the British Industries Fair which is to be held from May 3 to 14 in London.

Hong Kong's "Industrial delegation" to the Fair will leave on March 13 by the ss. "Pres. Cleveland" via the United States. From New York, the delegation will sail in the liner "Queen Mary" for London.

The five-man delegation consist of Messrs. U Tat Chee, Managing Director of the Hong Kong Preserved Ginger Distributors Ltd., Mr. Robert Der, Secretary of the Chinese Manufacturers Union; and three other industrial representatives, Ip Ping-chun, Lo Heung-hoi and Weng Hong-ching.

En route to London, the delegation will visit some industrial centres in America. Mr. U Tat Chee, better known as Hong Kong's "Ginger King," will spend a month in the United States to make a survey with a view to improving and intensifying preserved ginger trade between Hong Kong and America.

Hong Kong's products on display at the British Industries Fair will include cigarettes (Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co. Ltd.); camphor wood trunk (Tung Shing Co.); preserved ginger (H.K. Preserved Ginger Distributors, Ltd.); electric torches (Nam-Jam Factory); soya and condiments (Yu Kwan Yick); bleaching powder, caustic soda (Tien Chu Ye-tai); paints (National Lacquer Paint Products, Ltd.); silk and art silk goods (Mayar Silk Mills); hats (China Bros. Hat Mfg. Co.); soya (Oriental Soy Co., Ltd.); hurricane lanterns (Ching Hua Manufacturing Co., 1947, Ltd.); oil lamps (Chung Mei Manufacturing Co. Ltd.); singlets (Freizinhot Co. Ltd.); singlets (Tak-On Wo); cotton piece goods (Man Sang Co.); enamel ware (Feng Co. Ltd.); soap (Majestic Chemical Works, Ltd.); sewing thread, charcoal irons (World Light Factory); canned foods (Amoy Canning Corp. Ltd.); needles, nails, buttons, screws and tacks (Ching Industrial Co. Ltd.); rubber goods (United Rubber Works, Ltd.); underwear and socks (Tai Hing Knitting Factory); rubber ware (Wah Keong Rubber Factory).

## Funeral

The funeral of the late John Mercer Crichton, of the Royal Naval Yard, took place in the presence of a large gathering of his colleagues at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday.

The Rev. J. Curry, R.N. officiated at the chapel and at the graveside.

Among those present were Messrs. W. D. Webb, W. Smith, W. Ash, C. Rogers, R. Boko, W. H. Stevenson, W. Porter, G. Jordan, F. Flowers, H. Bruce, J. Sadler, W. Lewis, F. Perry, A. Tallyn, R. Goldthorp, D. Meffan, J. Kelleher, W. Bodger, F. Constantine, W. Bellamy, C. Engor, K. Meffan and F. Drew. Floral tributes were sent by Commodore, Superintendent and Officers, R. N. Dockyard, Superintendent E.E.D. Staff E.E.D. Staff Dockyard Power Station, R.N. Dockyard Club, Chinese Staff of the Power Station, Officers and members Dockyard Police, Chargemen's mess, Dockyard Recreation Club and the James Oxbury Lodge.

## DIAMOND IMPORT LICENCES

In future the import into Hong Kong of diamonds from all destinations will be subject to licence.

Merchants wishing to import diamonds should submit an application to the Exchange Control Office giving details of pre-war business, where available, a statement of imports during 1947 and their estimated monthly requirements until June 1948. The name of the applicant's banker should be given and imports listed under countries as shown below.

Applications should be submitted before Friday, Feb. 27:

1. United Kingdom.
2. South Africa.
3. Belgium.
4. Holland.
5. Other Countries.

## C.N.A.C. SERVICE TO RANGOON

Local C.N.A.C. office has announced completion of preparations for resuming their service from Hong Kong to Rangoon. The flight will be made by D.C. 3 aircraft on every Monday and Wednesday.

## Reminders Today

Concert of Recorded Music, The H Club, Talbot House, 60, MacDonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.  
Armchair Group meeting, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
Interpret Speech, Manila v. H.K. Chinese Club Ground, 8.30 p.m.  
Annual Bowls Match: Committee v. Member, K.B.G.C., 2.45 p.m.

## Coming Events TOMORROW

Emergency Sub-Committee meeting, H.K. Football Association, 5.30 p.m.

## TUESDAY

Rotary Club Luncheon talk on "International Peace" by Dr. Eleanor Thom, Road Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Dinner in honour of Manila Interpret Speech, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Presentation of Ambulance to St. John's Ambulance Brigade by Mr. W. W. Bow, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Cocktail Party & Film Show by Directors of St. John's Ambulance, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

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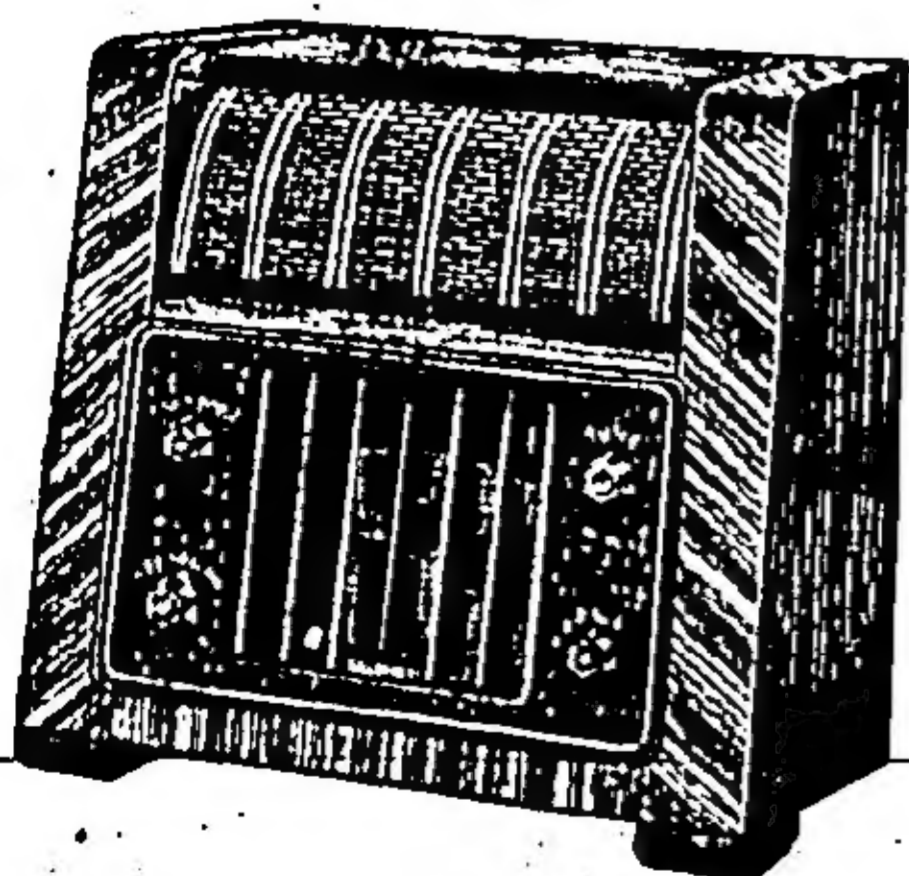
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1. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29th at 11 a.m. Special Welsh service at the Methodist Church (corner of Kennedy Road opposite old Naval Hospital).

2. MONDAY, MARCH 1st at 8.30 a.m. Laying of wreath at the Cenotaph. 6.30 p.m. Broadcast of a Welsh half-hour from Z.B.W.

7.45 p.m. Dinner and a Nodion Lawen at the China Fleet Club.

Names of those intending to attend the dinner should be sent in not later than Monday, February 23rd, and names of guests not later than February 25th, to the Honorary Secretary.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th March to the 18th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. E. TERRY, Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1948.

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The Stewards have ordered a batch of Australian Subscription ponies to race in 1949 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

The Subscription List will close with Wednesday, 17th March, 1948.

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By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Actg. Secretary.

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The forthcoming wedding of Leon Blumenthal, Electrical Engineer, H. M. Prisons, to Maria Wilhemina Graf, nee Koene, Helena May Institute, has been announced.

The wedding of Mr. Leslie Ng Quinn of 6 Po Shan Road, to Miss Linda Tang of 25 Austin Avenue, Kowloon, took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday in the presence of Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn and Mr. Tang Pak-long.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn, Solicitor, of the firm of Messrs. Brutton & Co. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Tang Tai-kok, merchant.

Lord Wynford, who in 1946 was appointed DAQMG, War Office, and who has been on a visit to Hong Kong, left for the United Kingdom by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat yesterday.

Also in the aircraft was Lieut-General Sir Sidney Kirkman, Quartermaster-General to the Forces and a member of the Army Council.

Mr. A. D. Ferguson and Mr. A. F. B. Hill left by the same aircraft for the United Kingdom, and other passengers were Messrs. S. T. Hickling, J. H. Straight, Mrs. K. V. Rathour, Master Kulraj Singh (for Calcutta); Kan Yu-thau (for

## H.K. UNIVERSITY REPORT

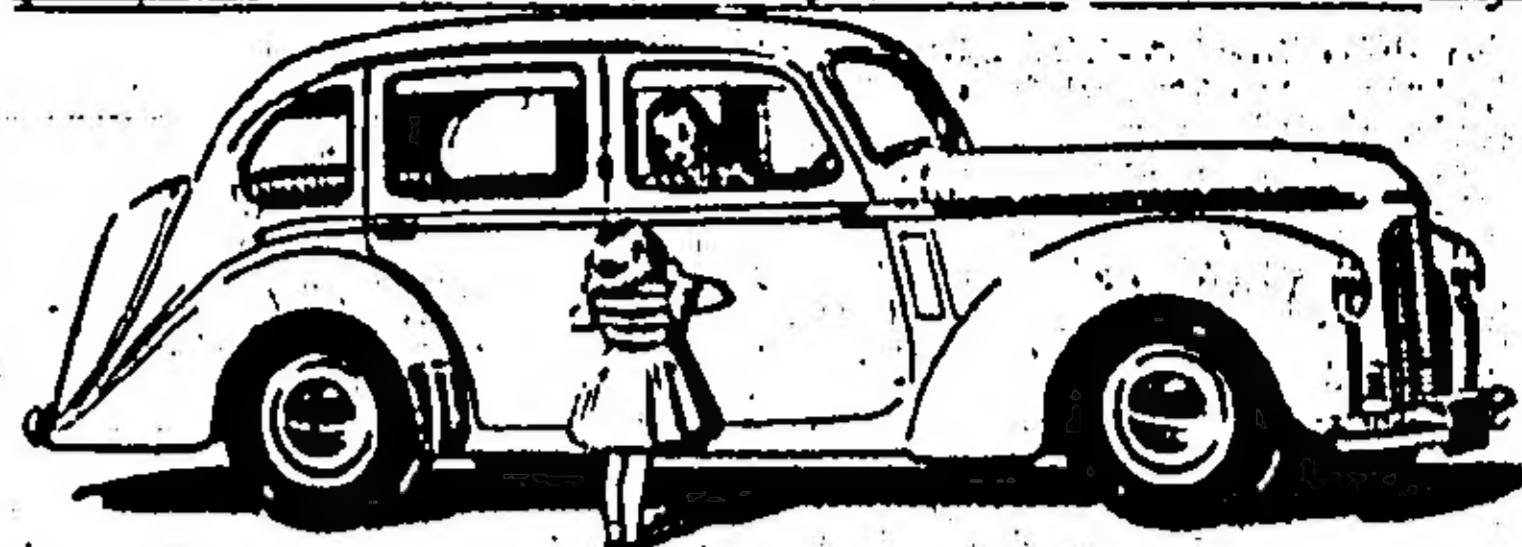
The University of Hong Kong has issued its first postwar annual report and discloses an enrolment of only 109 when the University resumed functioning in October 1946, as compared to 516 in 1941.

The report records some facts relating to the period immediately after the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong and the loss suffered by the University to staff and records, damage to property, libraries and scientific equipment.

Passengers who left for Singapore by BOAC flying boat were Mrs. L. F. Walford, G. P. Taylor, Chan Fook-yuen, S. C. Foy, P. K. Pavri, G. D. Nicholl, Capt. J. M. Symington, Tjhin Mian-keen, Sq/Ldr. Gotham, F. Harris, Mrs. J. F. Harris, Brig. M. L. Hammond, Lt/Col. G. J. M. Martin, Capt. G. D. Summers and Milton O. Severen.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals Friday included: Alfred Loh, Miss Inger Madsen, Thomas Gloster-Downing, Vivian Gloster-Downing, P. Pinier, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kendrick, C. Y. Chen, C. A. Kendzie, Young Wong, E. F. Marrs, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Ian C. Mackenzie and Miss N. Yung.

Peninsula Hotel departures Friday included G. P. Taylor, Lieut. B. J. Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. R. Candlin, Mrs. Guy Walford, K. Johannessen and Capt. G. G. Davidson.



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### SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING

Saturday, 28th February, 1948.

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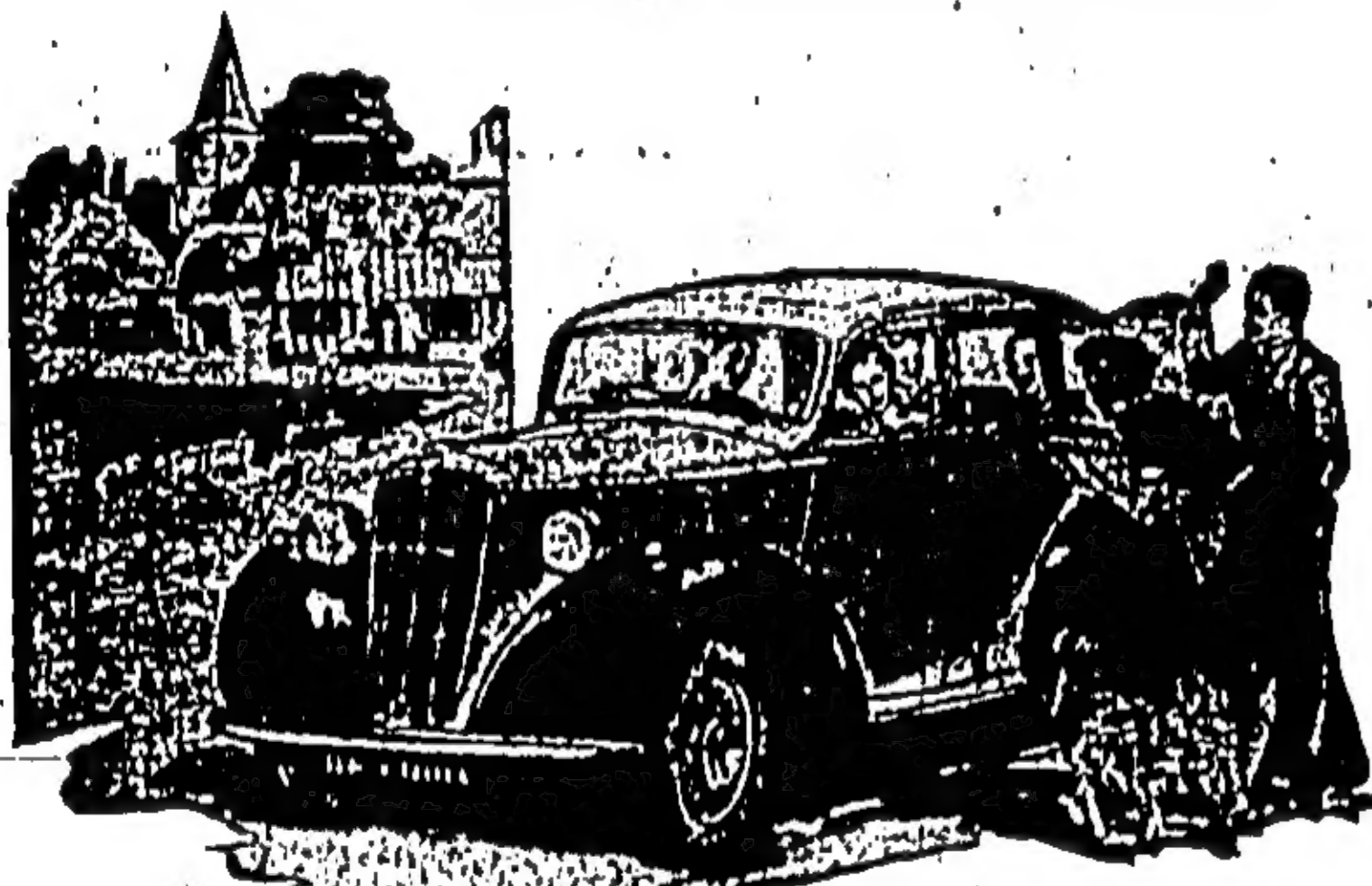
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# ABOUT THIS AND THAT

## Russia And Music

History is beginning to repeat itself rather too quickly in Soviet Russia. It was only in 1933-34 that a lot of stuffed shirts there raised an outcry about the compositions of Soviet composers, and now they are doing it again! Anywhere else in the world, a composer may or may not write good music, but no one denies him the right to compose music the way he feels he should. He may take a pasting from the critics, he may find that no orchestra will perform his works. But in a free, democratic country he can still go on in his own way.

If we were all Soviet States, however, he would have to write music to fit a politico-economic party line—or else. Aaron Copland, for instance, might find himself called over the coals by the hierarchy of the Republican Party because his music was not isolationist enough. Vaughan Williams across the Atlantic, might find it difficult to convince Mr. Shinwell that his music was not a subtle attack on those who favoured the nationalisation of steel.

You may, or may not, like the music of Shostakovich or Prokofiev. If you don't, you may agree with the General Committee of the Communist Party—who have yet to show us that they have even an inkling of musical knowledge to make their criticism of any value—that the music of these composers is a "cacophony of meaningless sounds." (One would have thought Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" hardly came in this category). Nonetheless, I doubt if even the most rabid hater of modern music would assert that the composers should be prevented from writing music that way; after all, you don't have to listen to it!

## Modern Music

It amuses me when people say they "can't stand modern music"—I always feel they should say they can't "understand" it. While a lot of it is tripe, some of it is very good, and the folk who won't listen to anything later than Beethoven/Brahms seem to overlook the fact that these great classicists were themselves writing what was the modern music of their day—and they were just as much misunderstood.

Beethoven, for instance, wrote his Fifth Symphony in 1808 and it was first performed in 1808. Six years later, it made its debut in England through the London Philharmonic and at the rehearsal the opening (you remember, "deedee-dee-dee") was received by the orchestra with laughter; they thought it was meant to be comic!

Berlioz completed his opera "Benvenuto Cellini" in 1837. When the London Philharmonic played the overture at a concert five years later, it was hissed and boo'd. Schumann's "Overture, Scherzo and Finale," Op. 52, was received with the silence of disapproval and was called "a display of unattractive cacophony."

Wagner, of course, was the target for innumerable brick-bats. Look at the fuss over "Tannhauser," for instance. One critic called it "pompous and empty commonplace" and "a piece of vapid rhodomontade." The "Morning Post" said it was "despite of melody, extremely bad in harmony, utterly incoherent in form, and inexpressive of any intellectual ideas whatever." In forty tones, "The Times" announced that "a more inflated display of extravagance and noise has rarely been submitted to an audience." The "Sunday Times" called it "an assemblage of palpable imitations," while even Hogarth, who was pro-Wagner,

complained that "it wants form, symmetry and that clear rhythmic melody which ought to be found in every description of music."

## The Truism

And, finally, harking back to Beethoven's Fifth, this is what Goethe had to say about it:—"It is a strange state to which the great improvements in the technical and mechanical arts have brought our newest composers. . . . no longer music. . . . beyond the level of human feelings, and no response can be given to them from the mind or heart."

All of which adds up to the truism that if you don't like modern music, the fault may not be with the composer. So far as the rest of the world is concerned, the genuine composer, who is not intent on turning out the hit-tune-of-the-week and who writes music the way he does believe he is right, will go on as he has in the past. With people like Shostakovich and Prokofiev, however, it is not so easy. It is unlikely they would be "liquidated" for not following the Party line—fancy making an art subordinate to a political theory which has yet to be tested properly—but they can be deprived of the means of making a living or even acquiring the necessary pens and paper.

## Party Line

The Soviet Russians, you see, say that music is more than just an independent art. It contains emotions, ideas, images, symbols, etc. and must, therefore, follow the Party line of thought. In 1933, Lunacharsky, State Commissar, said that Soviet Russia ascribed "no value to any work of art . . . which does not bear some relation to the movement that is renovating the world." As Calvores points out in his "Survey of Russian Music," one may wonder "what the relation can be when it comes to music not associated with words or a programme; and how, assuming it to exist, its existence can be determined."

Six composers have been singled out for attack in this latest directive from the aristocrats of the Communist Party—Shostakovich, Prokofiev, Khachaturian, Shchepkin, Fogel and Miskovsky. They are accused of departing from the school of Russian classical composers, whose music was "the best in the world." The latter, presumably, include Tchaikovsky, Moussorgsky, Borodin, Cui, Rimsky-Korsakov and Co.

Tchaikovsky didn't think much of the others. "The young Petersburg composers (he wrote) are very gifted but impregnated with the most horrible presumption and a purely amateur conviction of their superiority. . . . We may reasonably hope that Russia will one day produce a whole school of strong men who will open up new paths in art." The only one he had a modicum of praise for was Moussorgsky.

The plight of the modern-day Soviet composers must bring a smile to the lips of Moussorgsky and if he is looking down from wherever the Masters of Music go when they die, his music did not appeal to the conventionally minded people of his day and was regarded as dangerous to the regime. He made a fresh approach to music and his ideas were miles ahead of the official artistic views of his time. His "Boris Godunov" was banned, finally put on and then hurriedly taken off again.

I wonder if Shostakovich and his fellow composers remember what Moussorgsky wrote when "The Seminarist" was banned in

## By ARTHUR GEE

1870? In a letter, he declared that "even if they were to ban every single thing I wrote, I should still go on working as long as the strength lasts, for I am not easily thrown off my balance, and a prohibition such as this strikes only to fan more fiercely the fire of my enthusiasm."

## Ups And Downs

If, as Emerson once wrote, consistency is the hall-mark of a small mind, then the Soviet music critics and the Communist Party must be congratulated on having such wonderful men of genius in their ranks—for they are certainly not consistent. Take the sort of thing Shostakovich has had to go through. His "Lady Macbeth of Minsk (or Mtsensk)" was hailed in 1934 as a masterpiece of high originality and power, almost the embodiment of Soviet musical ideals. In 1938, the pendulum had swung the other way, and "Pravda" condemned it for its vulgar naturalism and aesthetic snobbism.

In 1934, he was being patted on the back. A few years later, "The Worker and Theatre," a Leningrad publication, was calling him "the foremost representative of tendencies harmful to Soviet art; pathological naturalism, eclecticism and formalistic fastidiousness, as in 'The Lady Macbeth,' and, at the same time, primitivistic scholasticism, as in 'The Limpid Stream.'"

In 1937, he was back on top again. The "Moscow Daily News" called his Fifth Symphony "a work of great depth, with emotional wealth and content." Alexei Tolstoy, in "Izvestia," spoke of the "sense of joy of happiness that bubbles in the orchestration." It was received with great enthusiasm in Russia—and in the rest of the world—was regarded as "commonplace" and a definite falling off in the composer's powers. This may be understandable when one realises how Shostakovich had had to toe the line; he apparently succeeded, he must have thought, as Tolstoy said the symphony satisfied the chief requirement of the art of socialist realism—the self-formation of the individual in society.

## Incomprehensible

His piano quintet, in November 1940, also met with jubilation from the critics. In March, 1941, the Soviet Government gave him a "Stalin Prize" of 100,000 roubles. Now we are told he never enjoyed success and is incomprehensible to Soviet men and women!

Khachaturian has always been regarded as one of the most truly representative of Soviet composers. His music is on classical Russian lines, his melodies are Armenian. Shchepkin has written a lot of music seldom heard outside Russia; his third symphony, on a vast scale and choral (with text from Mayakovsky's poem "Lenin"), was a success. Popov won the Soviet Union of Composers' prize in 1932 for his symphony which the magazine "Sovetskaya Muzyka" said testified to "a genuine sense of, and an active participation in, the life of the period."

Miskovsky, in his pre-Revolutionary works, was strongly influenced by Tchaikovsky. A prolific writer of symphonies (25, when last heard from), he, too, has always been regarded as one of the most representative of Soviet composers. He is held in high esteem in Russia—he received 100,000 roubles for his 21st symphony—but has not attracted much attention elsewhere.

## "Bourgeois"

These are the men who are now condemned by a bunch of commissars, samovars, or whatever you call them, who apparently know nothing of music and little of history, and who dislike the works of their leading composers because it "strongly smells of the bourgeois music of Britain and America." Another complaint is that it provides "I'd love to see what they call examples—the most graphic examples of formalistic perversions and anti-democratic tendencies (mugawd!), alien to the Soviet people and its artistic taste."

Apparently, the criterion is whether or not the ordinary worker understands the music and likes it. I am delighted to find official support of what, in my youthful days (young men always seem to start off arguing about politics) was my particular criticism of Communism and the Soviet system. I maintained that instead of helping the proletariat—working classes—to achieve a wider, fuller life, the Soviet system would result in dragging everyone else down to a lower level. I was shouted down. Apparently I was right. Exactly why a man who hasn't the intelligence, brains or initiative to rise above the work-bench should be considered the strictest judge of what is, and what is not, good art or great music I don't know. Karl Marx didn't think much of the intelligence of the working classes—or has that part of his writings been deleted from the official Soviet textbooks?

Anyway I stand by Haydn—another classical composer Moscow may have heard of (bourgeois, of course, poor chap)—who wrote what I think is the final answer to the Soviet critics:—"What is the good of such rules? Art is free and should be fettered by no such mechanical regulations. The educated ear is the sole authority on all these questions, and I think I have as much right to lay down the law as anyone. Such trifling is absurd. . . ."

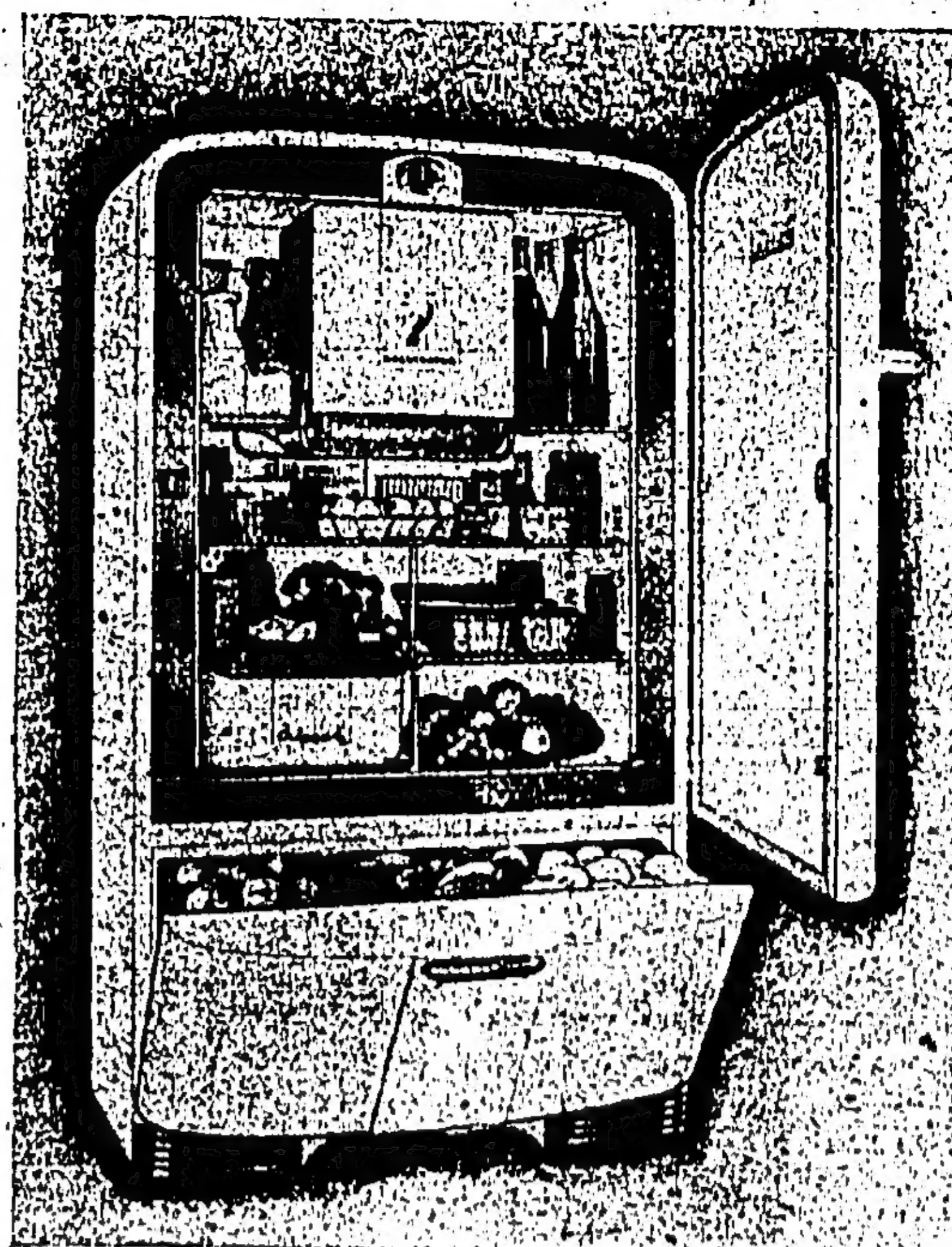
## Flags

Last Sunday should go down in local history as the American holiday the Royal Navy honoured and the Americans forgot. You may have noticed that all His Majesty's Ships flew the American national flag, and the White Ensign at half-mast. I was crossing in the ferry with an American foreign correspondent and he confessed he didn't know what the occasion was. No great man was dead, so far as we knew.

As soon as he could, he got on to a senior official in the American Consulate. Said official didn't know either. Eventually, the Royal Navy came across with the information. It was an American national holiday all right—the anniversary of the sinking of the "Maine," which was the spark that set off the Spanish-American War. The Royal Navy today is but a shadow of its former self—but when it comes to naval history it knows no better!

Talking about flags reminds me. As you know, it is a pleasant courtesy whereby if a merchant ship visits a foreign port, she flies that country's flag at the foremast (you may call it the foremast). So when a British ship enters New York she flies a large "Stars and Stripes," and when an American ship visits Southampton she flies the Red Ensign. And so on. The other day, an American merchant ship came proudly into Hong Kong harbour. They hadn't forgotten this little courtesy—but someone seems to have slipped. She displayed the national flag of China. Wot, no Ensigns on board?

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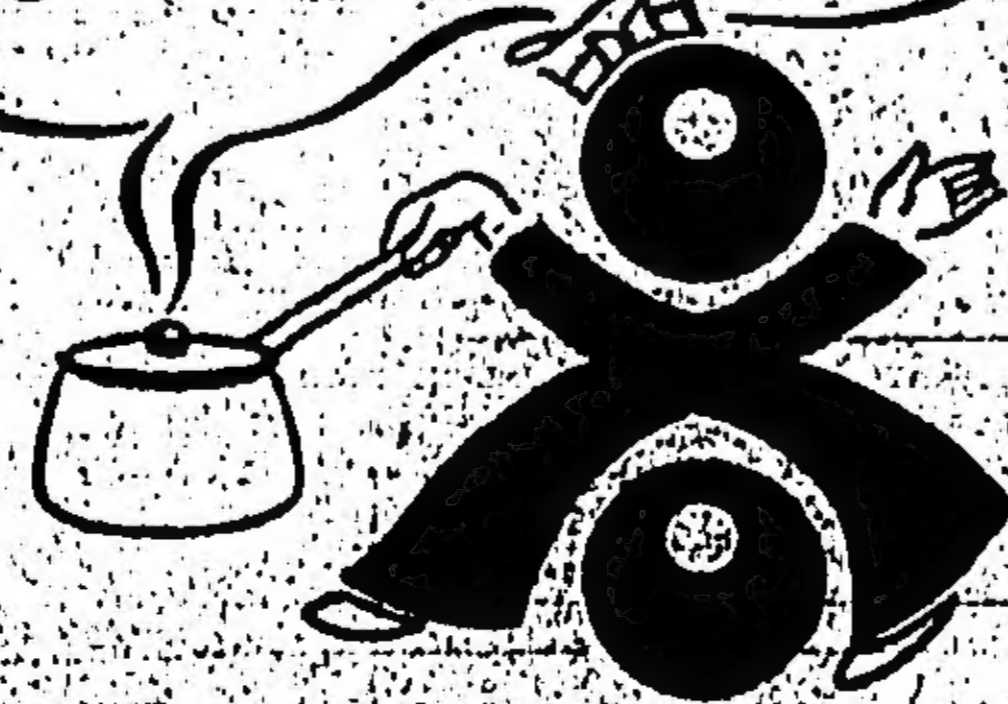
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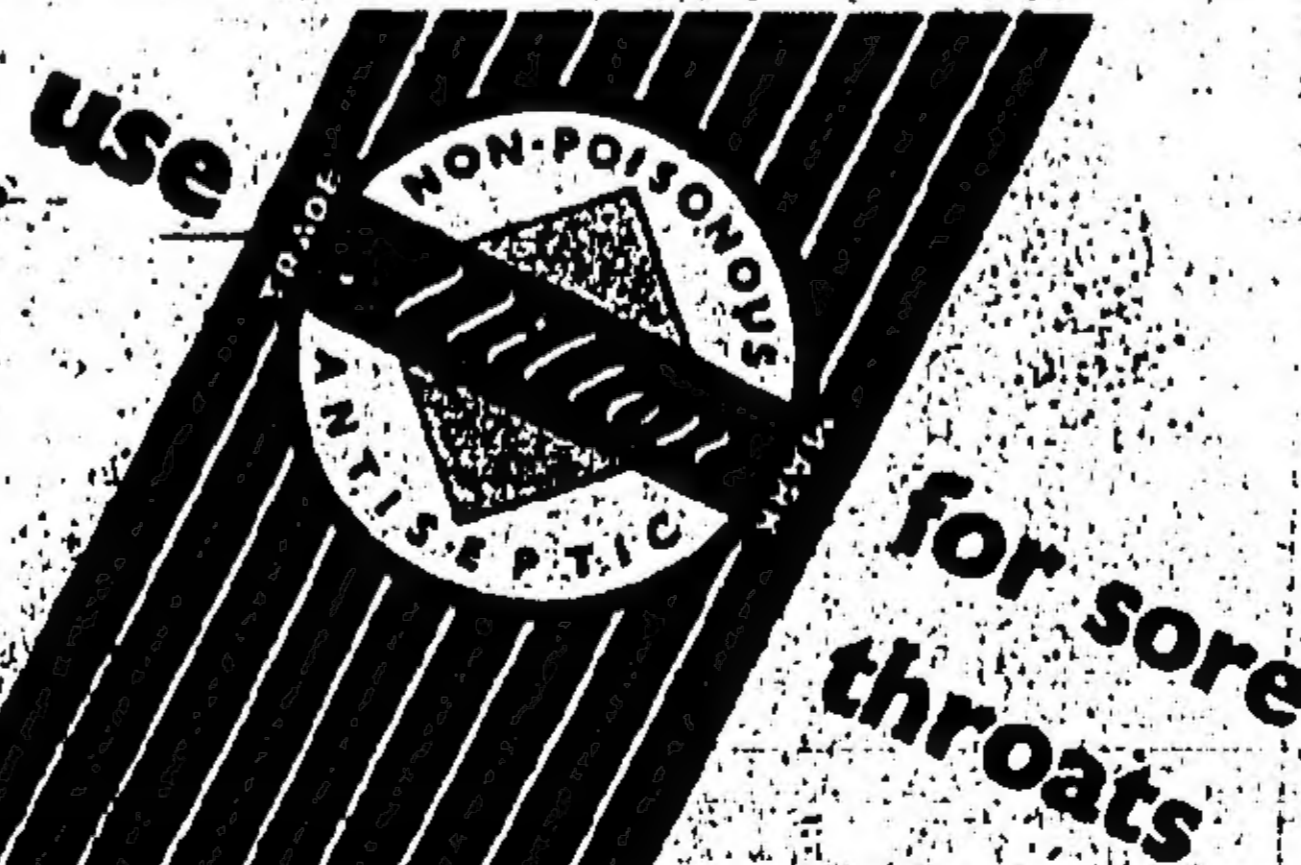
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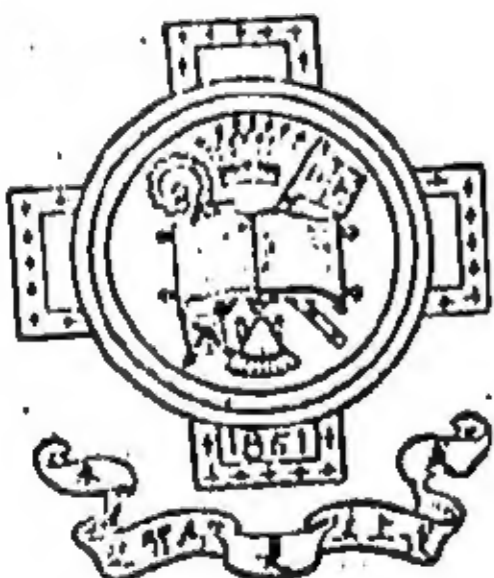
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# "THE JACKALS ARE YAPPING" Lord Tedder's Reference To Dispute Over Antarctic Territories Rival "Claims" To Deception Is.

Glasgow, Feb. 20.  
Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, Chief of the Air Staff, at the opening of the Services Exhibition in Kelvin Hall here today said that the events of the last few days were a practical reminder that if the Lion appeared to be weakening Jackals would soon come yapping round his flanks.

He thought, however, that the optimism of the Jackals was misplaced, and he was not pessimistic about the future of civilisation.

## Indo-Chinese Riot In Marseilles

Marseilles, Feb. 20.  
A fight broke out today between 100 Indo-Chinese workers residing in the camps of Baumettes and Mazargues, near Marseilles, the police reported tonight.

The workers attacked one another with knives, hatchets and other weapons. Six were injured—three gravely—and had to be taken to hospital in Marseilles following police intervention.

Fifteen Indo-Chinese were taken to police headquarters to be questioned.

The police refused to disclose the cause of the fight.

A contingent of Indo-Chinese workers from these camps was to be repatriated from Marseilles on a French troopship next Tuesday, Reuter.

"I have faith in the ultimate decency and sanity of the human race," he said, "and complete faith in the future of Britain and all she stands for. The Jackals are mistaken in thinking we are weakening, but at the same time, we must watch and see that we keep fit every way."

Stressing the need for volunteers, Lord Tedder concluded: "The prime object of our defence is to prevent war. To achieve that our strength must be genuine and visible. The Services need good men and true—volunteers—now. It is up to you."

The Exhibition, known as the Services Cavalcade, was organised by the Territorial Auxiliary Forces.—Reuter.

## Chile's "Claim"

Santiago, Feb. 20.  
Senor Gonzalez Videla, President of Chile, continuing his tour of the British-owned South Shetland Islands arrived today off Deception Island, where an Argentine naval force is also expected.

He has this week inaugurated Chilean bases on Greenwich Island and Graham's Land, which Chile claims.

Argentina is claiming Deception Island, and has set up a base there. The Argentine naval force is reported to consist of two cruisers and six destroyers.

A British ship is already at Deception Island and the 8,000-ton cruiser "Nigeria" is on her way there from Capetown.—Reuter.

## Reply To Soviet Protest

Paris, Feb. 20.  
In reply to a Soviet protest note, France declared tonight that she would continue to seek a common understanding between the East and the West on the German problem.

In the absence of an immediate agreement, she would go ahead with the tripartite discussions to begin in London shortly.

A Foreign Office communication said France did not feel herself bound by the Potsdam Agreement to which she had not been a party.—Reuter.

## Mr. Eden Supports Mr. Bevin

Bury, Lancs, Feb. 20.  
Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary and deputy chief of the Conservative Opposition, tonight commended the call for a Western Union by his Labour successor at the Foreign Office, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

"I have always been in favour of such an arrangement in whatever form was most suitable," he said, "and there was certainly a time immediately after the war when the Soviet leaders did not view the proposal with the hostility they now apparently proclaim."

"A closer political, economic and cultural relationship between the countries of Western Europe can be made a contribution to peace. It is indispensable if we are to bring back confidence and security."—Reuter.

## Death March In North China

Peking, Feb. 21.  
Five aged Catholic priests—three French, one Dutch and one Canadian—died of hunger, disease and exhaustion during a Communist "death march" after the Reds burned a monastery near Yangcheping in South Chahar, according to Chinese Christians reaching Peking today.

The refugees—freed by the Reds three weeks ago—said that six Chinese converts were stoned and clubbed to death. They said that 16 others died together with their foreign priests while they marched from prison to prison for months.

The Catholic Trappist Mission received a report here that another French priest had his legs amputated for trying to escape from captivity near Peking.

The refugees listed the priests who died from disease and neglect as Augustin Faure, 70, of Lyons, France, Father Superior of the Yangcheping monastery; Guillaume Cambourieux, 72, of Saint Flour, France; Etienne Maury, of Normandy, France; Albert Lheroux, of Montreal, Canada; and Eberd Drosd of Amsterdam, Holland.

They said the victims suffered from dysentery, fever, paralysis and tuberculosis.

They said that both foreign and Chinese priests died one by one as they were driven by the Reds fleeing from the Nationalists in South Chahar. These Chinese sources said they were handcuffed and trussed throughout.

Some died in pigsty prisons, some on their march home were allowed to drown crossing rivers, and others died of plain starvation, on a daily diet of a half-pound of half-cooked millet.

The Chinese Christians said that four months after the Red death march began, it ended where it started when the Reds circled back to Yangcheping, where the 40 remaining living were released as they were unfit for liberated areas.

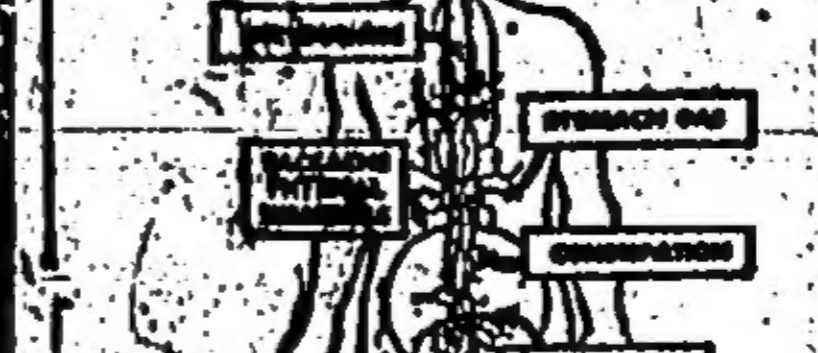
The Trappist superior at Peking, Father Jean Marie Struyven, told the United Press of the death march as he heard it from survivors struggling into Peking.

Struyven said that Fr. Maur Bougon from Paris had his legs cut off when he was caught in a second escape attempt south of Peking after being beaten the first time. The victims were tried on charges of being Kuomintang spies, said Struyven.—United Press.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 20.  
Joyful M. Preston, 79, retired newspaperman who had worked in various parts of the United States and in Japan, China and Hawaii, plunged to his death from the eighth floor of the Dallas Athletic Club Tuesday night. An verdict of suicide was returned. Preston had lived at the Club for many years.—Associated Press.

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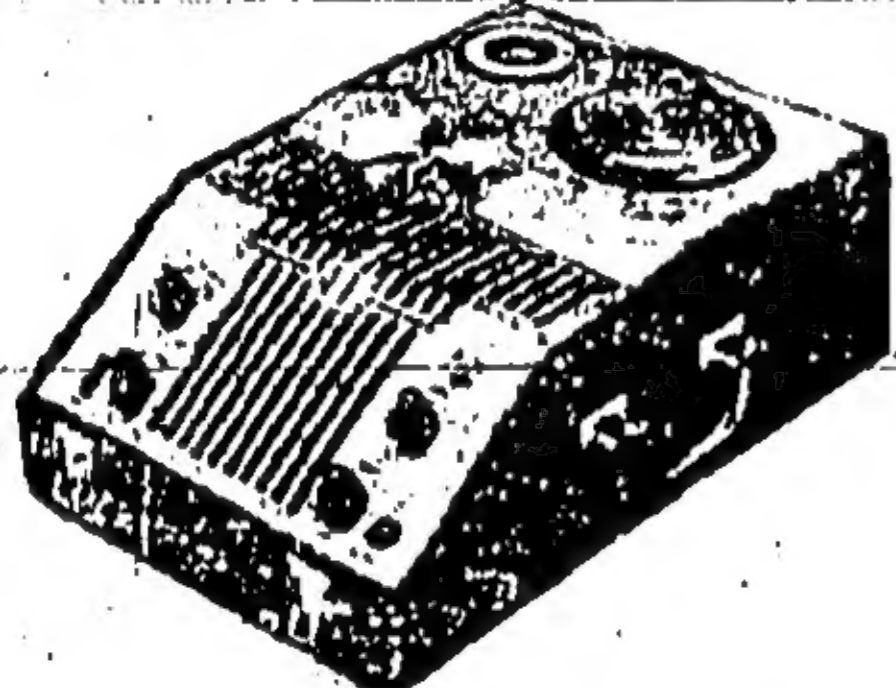
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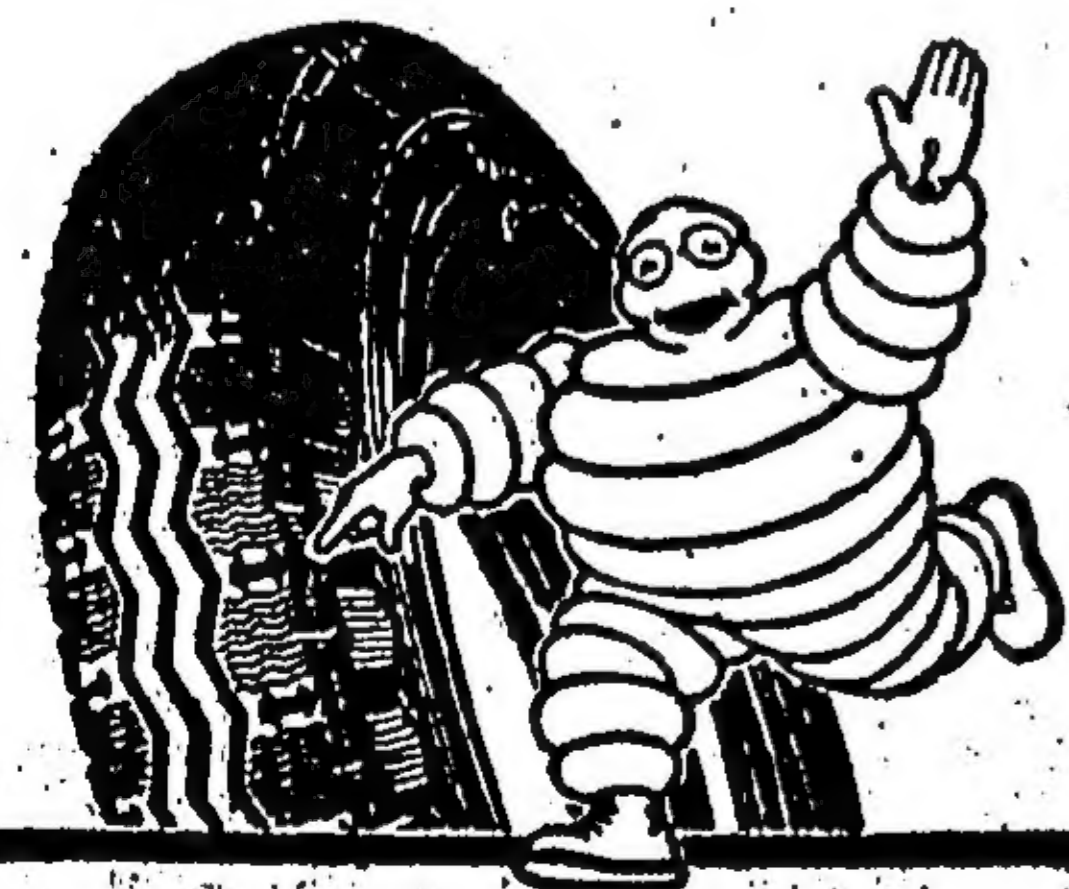
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# MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By Margaret Bradbury

### BOUND FOR ENGLAND

When the s.s. "Canton" sails for England tomorrow afternoon, she will carry on board a large number of Hong Kong-ites who are either saying farewell to the Colony or returning home on leave. Among them is Mr. H. H. Hirst, Accountant General, who together with his wife and three children intends to spend a nine months' holiday in England, and the South-west coast of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Hirst arrived here in December 1945 from Kenya where Mr. Hirst had been in Government service for 20 years. On Thursday last Mr. Hirst was guest of honour at a dinner party organised on his behalf by the Chinese staff of the Treasury. Altogether 80 people were present and included among them was Mr. A. Pollard, Director of Audit who will also be leaving the Colony for a holiday in the near future pending his retirement after many years of Government service.

Mrs. Major, wife of Senior Supt. S. Major of the Hong Kong Police Force is returning to England on the "Canton" with her seven-year-old son, whom she intends placing at school in the U. K. Mrs. Major will be joined by her husband about two months later as Supt. Major is expected to begin his long leave in May.

Inspector J. O'Donovan of the Immigration section Hong Kong, P. I. is beginning his nine months' holiday together with his wife and daughters by sailing on the "Canton" for England. Insp. O'Donovan is an old member of the Hong Kong community, having been in the Colony for the last 38 years. For some time before the war, he was attached to the force's detective staff and at the time of the occupation was fortunate enough to be on leave in Australia. A few months before the end of the war however, he went to Chungking and returned to Hong Kong at the liberation. At that time he joined the War Crimes staff dealing with collaborators, and took over the Immigration section in the summer of last year.

and Youth; Peace and International Affairs.

The British Consul-General from Shanghai, Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, accompanied by his wife and daughter will also be on board the "Canton". They arrived here last Wednesday on their way to England for long leave. It is not likely that Mr. Ogden will return to the Far East as he is due for retirement in two years time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones will also sail on the "Canton" and will not be returning to the Colony. Mr. Wynne-Jones, who has been Postmaster General here since 1936, is going to the U.K. on retirement.



MR. KERON BOSE.

Of the ship's passengers when she sails tomorrow on her way to Calcutta, Mrs. Bose arrived in Hong Kong over a week ago from America, where she attended the International Council of Women conference held in Philadelphia last September. This was the Council's first meeting for six years, and subjects under discussion were: Status of Women in the Postwar Period; Childhood

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### PULITZER PRIZE WINNER

Mr. Jack McDowell, American newspaperman who won the profession's most coveted award—the Pulitzer Prize—while doing a series of articles during the Pacific War, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by Philippine Air Lines. Mr. McDowell is on

an air tour for his paper the San Francisco "Call Bulletin", and is planning to write a daily column en route and revisit the scenes of his war correspondent days. Since most of his prize-winning stories were written from Guam, Mr. McDowell has spent some time there comparing the Guam of today with wartime years. After staying a few days in the Colony, he is to leave for Shanghai.

### PILOT SMIRNOFF ARRIVING

One of the outstanding pilots of Europe and the Far East, Captain Ivan W. Smirnov, will arrive in Hong Kong this week as aeronautical adviser on the world wide tour of the "Atlas Sky Merchant", which is due on Wednesday with ten executives of the Atlas Supply Company and the Standard Vacuum Oil Co. and a crew of seven. The "Atlas Sky Merchant", something new in the way of international merchandising, is scheduled to land at Kai Tak in the course of a one hundred day tour from Miami, Florida, to San Francisco via South America, Africa, India, China, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Captain Smirnov is senior pilot of the KLM Royal Dutch Air Lines and a native of Heemstede, the Netherlands. He is 52 and a flying combat veteran of both World Wars. In the First World War he fought in the air with both the Russian and British armies. He also had dual service in the last war, with the Netherlands East Indies Air Force and the U.S. Air Transport Command. In the A.T.C. he was attached to the Australian operations 5th Air Force.

Capt. Smirnov was shot down by Japanese planes in 1942 over the uninhabited northeast coast of Australia, while evacuating passengers and a cargo of diamonds. Although wounded himself, he led surviving passengers and crew to safety in a 100-mile, three-day walk.

### FROM HERE AND THERE.

Mr. J.T. Bagram, widow of the prominent Hong Kong Stock Exchange member who died in England six months ago, has now returned to the Colony and is at present staying in the Hong Kong Hotel. Mrs. Bagram was accompanied on her return trip by her sister, Mrs. Godfrey, who will shortly sail to South Africa.

The first Chinese ambassador to Burma, Doctor Tu Yuen-Tan, arrived in Hong Kong on Friday morning by C.N.A.C. plane from Shanghai on his way to Rangoon. He will spend a few days here before resuming his journey. Mr. Tu, who is 50 years old, previously held the post of ambassador in 1932 to Panama, and was concurrently Minister to Costa Rica, Salvador and Honduras.

Mr. J. Payne, Australian Trade Commissioner in Singapore is at present in Hong Kong on short leave. Mr. Payne has been in Singapore since the end of the war. Previously he was Trade Commissioner in Cairo.

## MEN WOMEN AND MEMORIES

By ATTICUS

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### "Big Business" At Sea

Lord McGowan, head of I.C.I., now immersed in affairs in Africa, is not the only representative of "big business" inquiring into Empire possibilities.

From a correspondent in the Orion, at Melbourne, I learn that Viscount Nuffield, accompanied for the first time by Lady Nuffield on an Australasian trip, is still an ardent devotee of deck tennis, despite his more than three score years and ten. Sir George Beherrell, Dunlop's chairman, who travelled in the same ship, took his pleasures more quietly, but Sir Ernest Flak, Australian-born head of the H.M.V. Company, was a martinet in his self-imposition of regular hours for exercise and work.

### The Cowley Complex

Passengers in the Orion, I gather, heard at first hand about the causes of the changes in the Morris directorate that so puzzled the business world recently. It would seem to date back to a difference in opinion in 1936 between Viscount Swinton, then Air

Minister, and Lord Nuffield, Lord Swinton wanted Lord Nuffield to come into the "shadow" aeroplane scheme, but the latter preferred to back his own Wolseley aero-engine. In the event this was justified out of production by war requirements.

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His production directors, from the then vice-chairman downwards, consistently advised concentration of manufacturing activities to reduce overhead charges, but Lord Nuffield, always ready to back his institution, believed and still believes that dispersed units, with the spur of internal competition, gives the best results. This difference of opinion, I gather, was behind the recent sweeping changes in the directorate.

Lord Nuffield freely discusses facts, but withholds his chain of reasoning. He made, I am told, an interesting study to his fellow passengers.

### General Eisenhower

I see that many of General Eisenhower's supporters still refuse to take seriously his determination not to stand for the Presidency. Admittedly there is a difference between wanting to stand and being urged to stand as a matter of duty. But, having seen something of General Eisenhower to take him at his word and make a modest bet that he will not stand whatever happens. He dislikes politics and has strong views about soldiers who dabble in them.

During the campaign in North Africa he once received a private message from President Roosevelt requesting him to take some action. The General, who always regarded himself as commander of an integrated Anglo-American force with joint loyalties to both President Roosevelt and Mr.

Churchill, saw at once that his position would become untenable if he was to be the recipient of private messages from the President on, for that matter, from Mr. Churchill, who, I imagine, was not entirely guiltless on such points. He therefore had strong telegram sent to General Marshall asking him to point out the difficulties of his position and the undesirability of his carrying out the President's request. He was troubled no more.

Recently there have been many indications that more and more Americans are beginning to criticize President Truman for packing high posts with generals.

### The Meat Of Diplomacy

The protracted and difficult negotiations with the Argentine, first over the sale of the railways and now over meat supplies, have enhanced the reputation of the British Ambassador, Sir Reginald Leeper. Indeed, so indispensable has he been that both the Treasury and the business community have sent him glowing tributes to his skill and understanding.

This is an interesting but by no means uncommon instance of a man not knowing where his best talents lie. When Sir Reginald was appointed to Buenos Aires, it is no secret in Whitehall that he was sadly disappointed. His whole career had been spent in Europe. He regarded himself with some right as a political and not a commercial expert. He had never handled money. Lady Leeper ran his household, kept the accounts, and gave her husband what pocket money he needed. Yet it is precisely his ability to handle successfully complicated financial and commercial negotiations that has made him so popular with the business community.

### The Lane Bequest

In the past the Argentine has been diplomatic poison for more than one British Ambassador. Today it is Sir Reginald's meat. I learn that the Argentine Government is likely to raise again—indeed it has not already done so—the old grievance of the Lane bequest.

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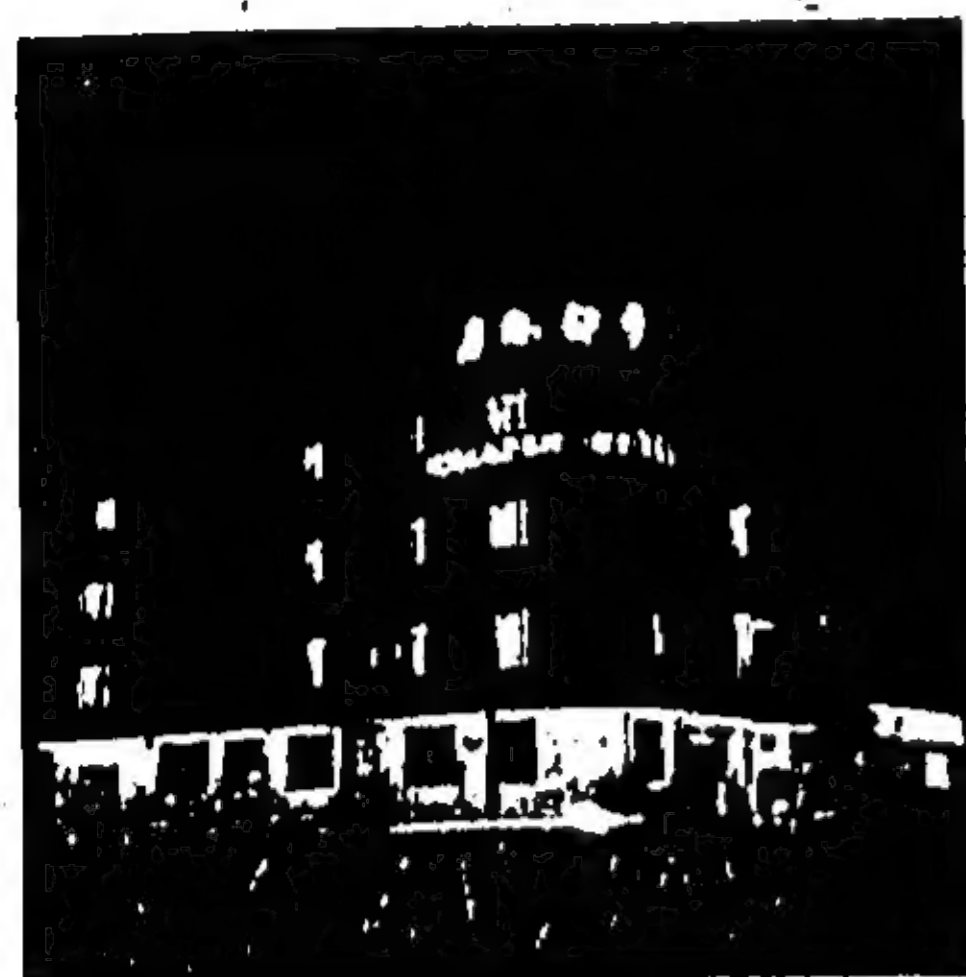
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## ANTI-ITALIAN RIOTS SAID "INCITED" BY BRITAIN

Rome, Feb. 20.

Britain was today accused by an Italian official of inciting the anti-Italian riots in Mogadishu, former Italians Somaliland on January 11, when 52 Italians were killed.

The official, Signor Cesare Donati, Secretary of the Italian Assistance Committee for Mogadishu, reached Rome by air yesterday—the first member of the Mogadishu community to return to Italy since the riots.

British officials, Signor Donati alleged in a statement printed on the front page of the independent newspaper "Il Messaggero," looked on impassively as Italians were murdered.

"Three Italians were murdered while British officers were passing in a carriage, but the officers did not help," he said.

"The same thing happened in the case of an Italian family, who were all murdered. Many Italian women were criminally assaulted, including one 11-year-old girl after her death."

"The demonstrations were prepared by agitators in the service of the British military administration to offset the effect of pro-Italian demonstrations" five days earlier, Signor Donati declared.

The Italian Cabinet is considering an official report from Signor Zanotti Bianco, President of the Italian Red Cross, who was sent by the Italian Government to investigate the riots, and who also returned to Rome yesterday.

The contents of his report have not been disclosed.

"False"

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that Signor Donati's allegation that Britain had incited the riots was "completely false."

The Foreign Office, he added, was unwilling to make further comments until the findings of the British Court of Inquiry, still sitting in Mogadishu, were made known.—Reuter.

CARTOON

By STAN HILL



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## It Was A Long War For Him

Washington, Feb. 20.

It was a long war for Japanese soldier Shibamaki Kazuo.

He has just found out it is over after hiding out in the island of Babelthau. A dispatch from US Naval headquarters in the Marianas told his story.

Kazuo was on Peleliu when the U.S. Marines landed in May, 1943. After 20 days, he related, his superior told him to leave "for wherever he pleased" as the island could not be held.

He built a crude raft of bamboo poles and by night paddled from island to island until he came to Babelthau. He got to the very center of this island and went into hiding in an abandoned Japanese village.

Gradually he took up farming. He learned two days before the war was over. He turned himself over to seven natives who took him to the authorities.—Associated Press.

## FIGHTING CONTINUES IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Feb. 20.

Armoured cars of British police and parachute troops swept through the central streets of Haifa today, engaging battling groups of Arabs and Jews with Bren gun fire, while the wounded crawled away over piles of broken glass to shelter.

Police and army posts joined in the battle, trying to silence groups of snipers crouching on roofs and in the windows of houses. Shells from a Jewish mortar battery exploded in the eastern railway station, in the market place and inside the perimeter of police headquarters.

The fighting was still going Army and the police. The escape was discovered when the prison authorities found the tunnel leading from a cell to a manhole in the road outside the prison.

Second Escape

It was the second mass escape this month from the prison, which is in the middle of the most heavily guarded security zone in the city, containing also the police headquarters and the most important Government buildings.

A British constable and an Arab were injured when a number of Arabs escaped on February 5 through the 12-foot barbed wire surrounding the prison under cover of an attack with bombs and heavy fire.

A non-quota Jewish immigrant ship with 700 passengers, intercepted off the Palestine coast last night, was boarded by a Royal Navy party today and was being escorted to Haifa.

Petition

(A petition by Palestine Jews detained at Gilgit, Kenya, asking the Governor when they may hope for release and repatriation, was said today to be receiving urgent attention from the British Government, a Reuter despatch from Nairobi said.)

(Chief Rabbi Louis Isaac Rabinowitz of the United Hebrew Congregation, Johannesburg, visited the camp this week and later discussed the position with the Kenya Government.)

(He told them the 288 detainees—suspected of terrorism and political offences in Palestine—were becoming increasingly restless and the position was deteriorating.)—Reuter.

London, Feb. 20. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester arrived at London Airport this afternoon from Ceylon, where they attended the opening of the new Dominion's Parliament.—Reuter.

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(2) Canoeing Handicap (Morecombe) Bronze Star, 1938-39-40.

(3) Runner-up Baby-weight judo (Scurborough), 1936.

(4) "Sportiest Chap in the Camp" Award (Southport), 1930.

What I'm doing is watching a number of ladies and gentlemen dancing the Veleta with an almost unearthly grace. It's the semi-finals of the Veleta Championship of the British Isles, or something, and it's beautiful.

Most of the ladies are wearing shiny lace ball-gowns in shades ranging from light magenta to orange. The gentlemen are in tails. Many of them have sunflowers in their buttonholes, and all of them wear large white gloves.

I know more about the Veleta now than I ever knew before, because the band has been playing it for three weeks, and the steps of the Veleta are few in number. But they are right at the top for quality.

The step I like best is the one where the dancers separate, the ladies take their skirts between finger and thumb, and the gentlemen place their large white gloves on their hips. The pairs then retire a step, pointing the toe, and dragging the back leg delicately along the ground. Several times this manoeuvre has got me thumping on the plush handrail of my box, shouting for mercy.

Many of these ladies and gentlemen are married, and at least two of them have come all the way from Glasgow. All the same, I don't see why this should lend them such a special distinction. If I thought I was in line for the Veleta Championship I'd walk here all the way from John o' Gaucha in bare feet.

But my dancing is of a different kind. It has been classed by some people as the best three falls out of five.

What I like is congestion. At a tennis dance in 1927 I lost the power to walk across the ballroom in a straight line. We were about half-way down the straight—a girl called Rosemary and I—when I suddenly got a kind of bounce into my work. It was rather as if I was riding a motorcycle with an elliptical wheel.

Rosemary hung on well for a couple more bumps, but I could see she was in distress.

I loosened her off a little, fearing she might suffer some injury. I said, "Something seems to have gone wrong. We'd better go into a turn."

We did. I played out time with some slow, non-progressive revolutions in the centre of the floor. Later on that night, with a Mrs. Stephens, I tried the walk again for a short spell, but at once I got the rocket motion. I even caught Mrs. Stephens under the chin with my shoulder, and then rode right up so that I was looking down on the top of her head.

Some months later I fell into conversation with a dancing instructor and told her about my difficulty, illustrating it with the motorcycle-elliptical-wheel simile. She was unable to understand "motorcycle" or "elliptical," so I said, "It's just like riding a horse. When I try the walk it's just as if I was sitting on a trotting horse."

She said she didn't believe it. It couldn't be so, she thought.

When I showed her, I loosened a tooth for her pains.

"You're off balance," she said, when she could speak again. "Try the glide exercise—like this."

She extended her arms. "Like this," she said—"smooth—steady—slide the feet along the ground—left foot—right foot—left foot—right foot—glide—glide...."

Half-way across the room everything began to go round. "Stop me! Help!" I cried. "I'm falling!"

Afterwards she said she thought I ought to stick to the "crush" style. "Hold your partner loosely," she said, "as if for the rumba. Take short steps—left foot side—right foot up—left foot back—right foot up. Keep the feet as much together as possible. It ought to look after your difficulty."

I have been using the "crush" style ever since, but now I've got a new thing in it. The lateral shoulder shake.

It comes on with rumba music. I'm just bracing myself for the turn when suddenly the shoulders shoot backwards and forwards, just on the off-beat. I think it probably looks effective—straight South American rhythm—but it upsets the partner who isn't expecting it.

## Even As A Boy I Used To Make Like A Bullet For The Cloakroom

Once, indeed I threw a lady nearly six feet with the shoulder shake. We were working to "Begin the Beguine" round about five o'clock in the morning, eyes closed, dancing right down deep into the hips. Then I got the shoulder shake.

The first one threw her off balance, the second one just caught her half-volley, and shot her into a cluster of chrysanthemums at the foot of the bandstand.

"What happened?" she said, scrambling to her feet.

"Somebody pushed us," I said, "from behind."

A moment later it happened again. "Shall we sit down?" she said. "I like just listening to the music."

Yes, I think I'm still a long way from the Veleta, although a pair of white gloves might steady everything down. But I can't help feeling I'm happier with 40 people round me, on a floor six feet by six. It's a kind of shyness in my nature, I think.

Why, even as a boy at children's parties, when Sir Roger de Coverley came round, I used to make like a bullet for the cloakroom and pass the time until the dance was over stuffing soap up the bathroom taps.

## Buenos Aires -- City Of Beautiful Nonsense



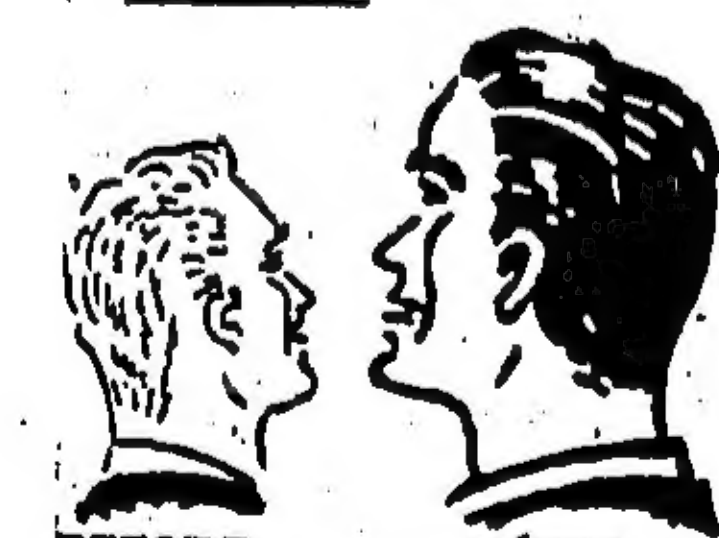
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### Two People ...

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**By  
WALTER HAGES**

world, means just two people. Colonel Peron and Eva.

Both are newcomers to the political scene. Both are dictators in their own right. It was in 1937 that Peron's influence was first felt in his country. A good soldier, a military expert with several text books to his name, Colonel Peron formed in that year the United Officers' Union.

They organised behind the scenes and waited, and in 1943 a sudden, bloodless revolution ousted President Ramon Castillo. From the Campo Mayo (Buenos Aires' military headquarters) truckloads of soldiers with machine-guns converged on the Casa Rosada—Argentina's Government House—and in eleven hours the corrupt three years administration of President Castillo was ended.

Two more Presidents followed. Both were replaced—by Colonel Peron, who had become Vice-President, War Minister, and Secretary of Labour and Welfare.

The world knew nothing about him: neither did 98 per cent of his people. But they were soon to learn all about their new boss. He built a new party, took on all comers at an

election, swore to break Argentina's centuries-old aristocratic rule, set out to court the poor man (the peon)... and on June 4, 1946, Colonel Peron became dictator of the richest country in South America.

But if Peron in his earlier days had been a "power behind the throne," the Argentines were quick to see a new power arising behind Peron. In 1945 Peron had astonished his friends by marrying Eva Duarte, daughter of a small landowner.

Eva Duarte—or as she preferred to be called Evita—was a singer with a tango orchestra, and then a stage, screen and radio actress. She filled a few small roles, appeared in the films "Cavalcade of the Circus" and "Prodigal Woman." She even played Marie Antoinette and Lady Hamilton. In 1943 Colonel Peron went along to Radio Belgrano—one of Buenos Aires' biggest broadcasting stations—to a party. There he met Eva—and from that date their roads to fame ran parallel.

### One Plan

Peron has worked long and hard to cultivate the underpaid, miserable workers. Eva in her own way looked after the workers' interests. In her fourth-floor office near the Peron's luxurious five-room flat she daily receives public notabilities and trade union leaders. She runs a daily paper and has revived the custom of kissing hands at the audiences and receptions she gives almost daily.

Her husband meanwhile works to make his country one of the world's big Powers—the leader of the South American bloc. He has declared his aim: "The eradication of capitalism and totalitarianism... the creation of a world conscience which places man above systems of ideology." And since Peron became boss Argentina has prospered.

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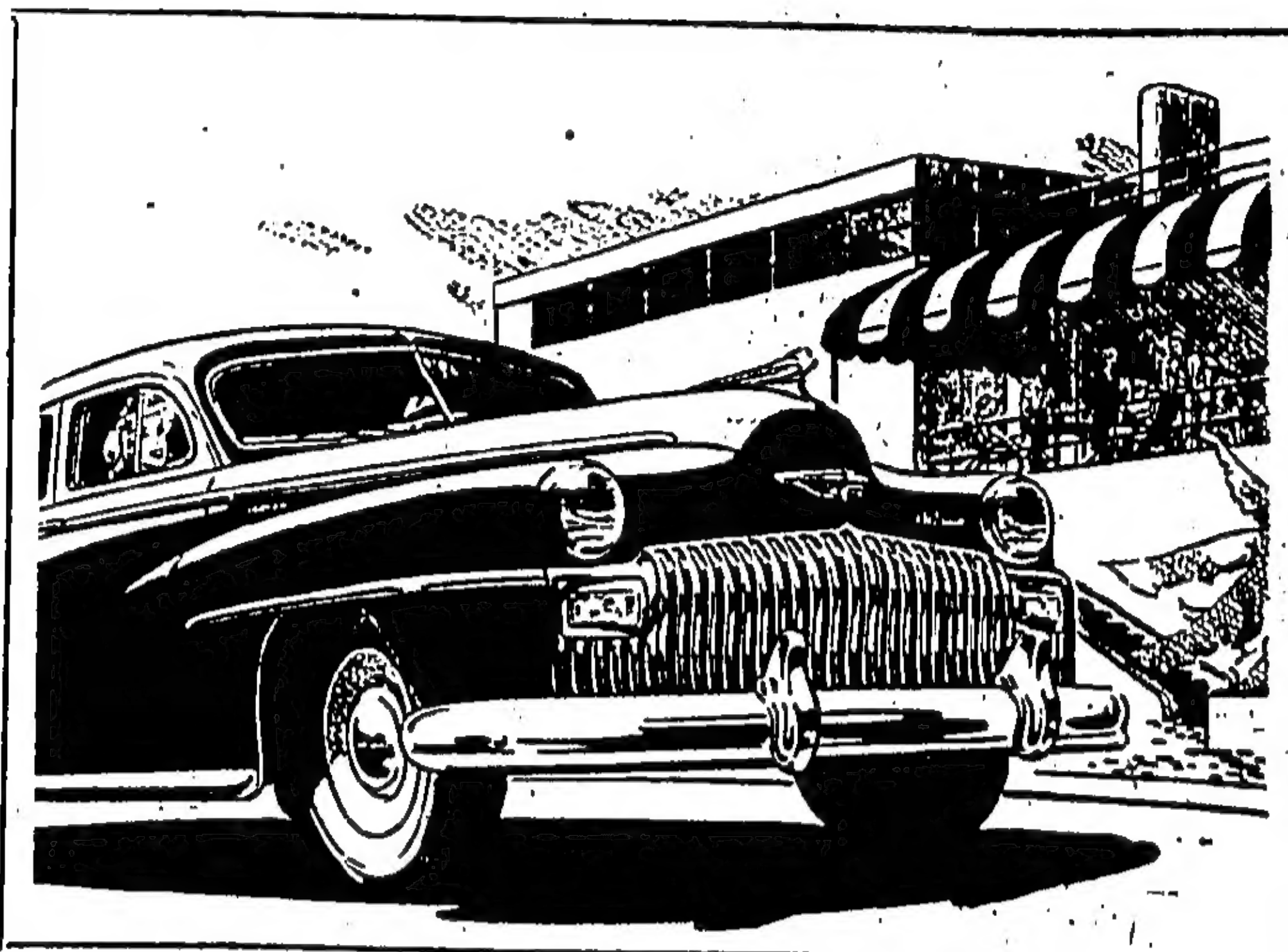
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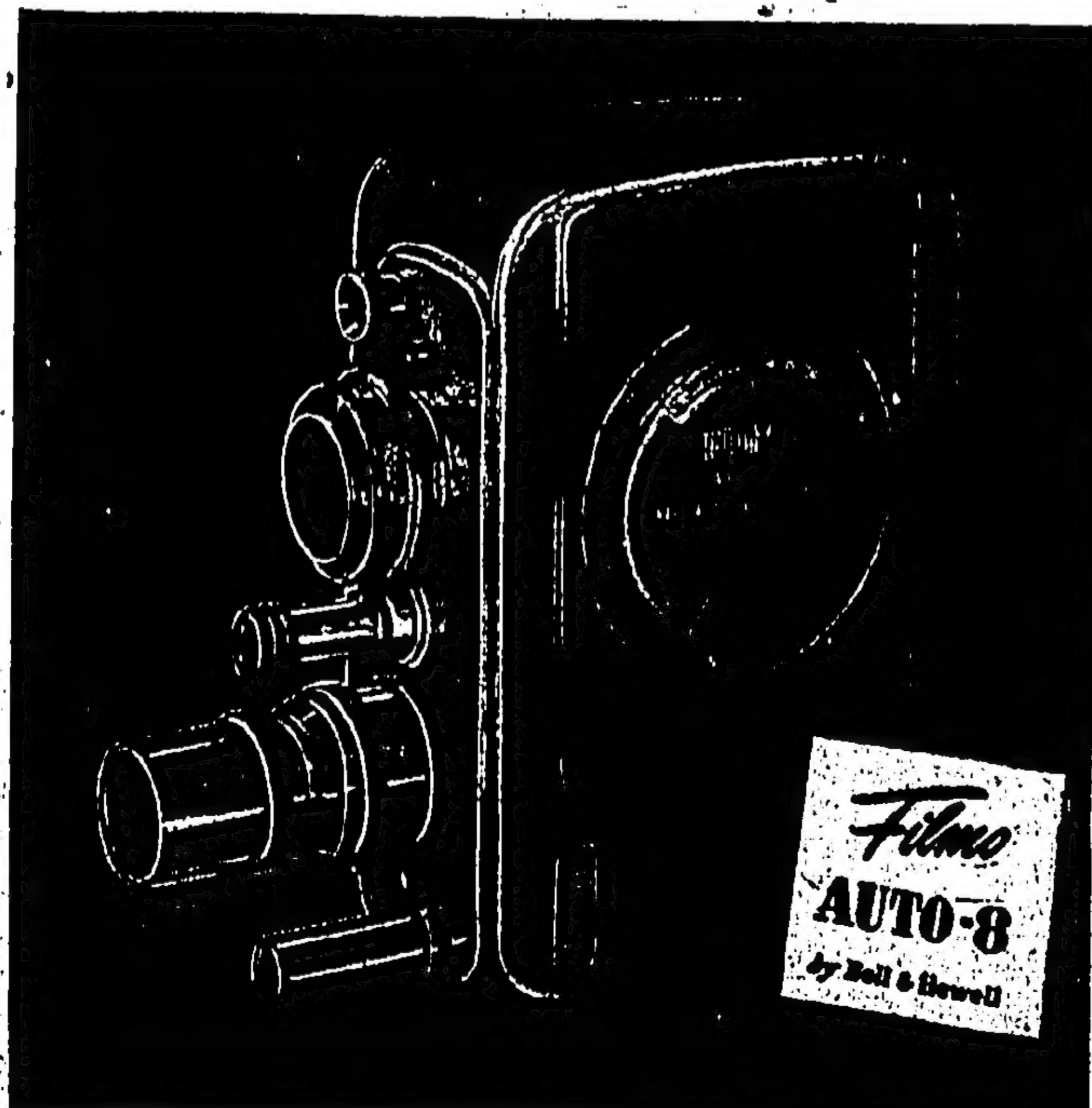
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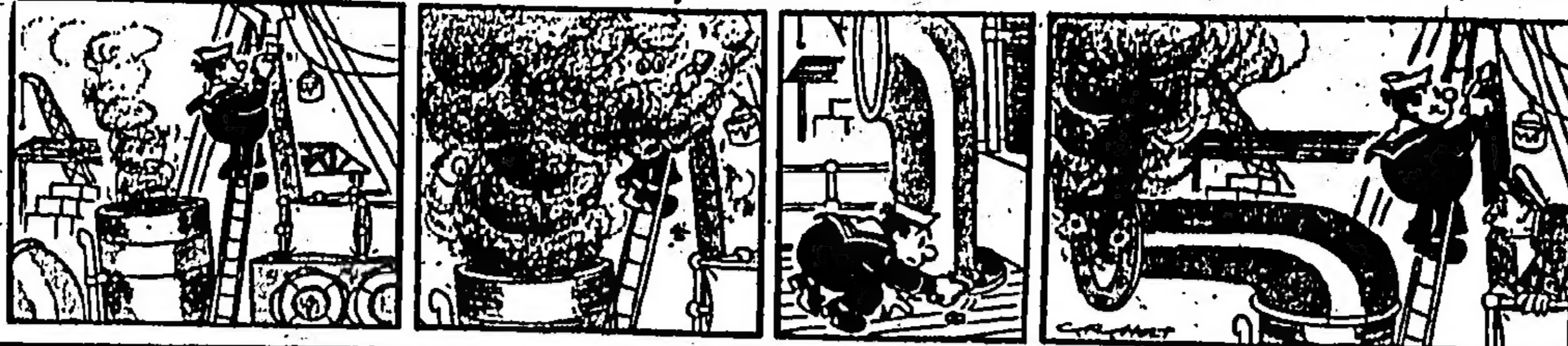
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## Continuing The ENQUIRY INTO FAITH

# AN ARMY OFFICER WHO BECAME A BUDDHIST MONK

JACK THOMAS

Tells Here Another Remarkable Story

Through the dusty Burmese village shuffled a yellow-robed Buddhist monk. The morning sun beat down on his shaven head. His feet were bare save for primitive sandals. With downcast eyes he moved from door to door, holding out his begging bowl.

The monk was known to the villagers as U Nipuna, "the gentle one." But thousands of miles away, in the files of the War Office in London, you would find his real name. It is Captain H. H. Robinson, late of the 1st Punjab Light Infantry.

What overpowering motive impelled a British Army officer to take the yellow robe of a disciple of the Buddha? In the answer to that question lies one of the most fantastic stories I have encountered in my inquiry into faith.

I heard it yesterday from Captain Robinson's own lips, as we sat in the lounge of a West End hotel. On one side of us two actors swapped bits of their recent triumphs. On the other side a couple of film men argued. All around was noise and laughter. But Captain Robinson took no notice. He seemed to be surrounded by a pool of quiet that nothing could disturb. His eyes were closed. He is blind.

This was his story: Gazetted from school to the Indian Army during the 1914-18 war, he was sent to Burma. There the scent of frangipani blossoms, the tinkling of pagoda bells, the laughter of the brightly-robed people, wove a spell around him that he was never to escape.

All through his war service in Mesopotamia and Waziristan he dreamed of his magic land. When the war ended he transferred to the Burma Military Police.

### The Opium Smoker

They sent him to Konglu, 6,000 feet up in the mountains of the North-East Frontier. He became master of life and death, sole military and civil administrator over hundreds of thousands of natives.

But still the softer magic of the lowlands called. Captain Robinson gave up his post, and returned to Mandalay to the tinkling pagoda bells and the strange scent of the temple flowers.

Then, one night, his interest in Burmese customs induced him to smoke a pipe of opium. Soon he was a confirmed opium smoker, drawn irresistibly every evening to the den known as the House of the Deer, where a Burmese known as Maung Ba Ohn presided.

It was in a last effort to break the opium habit that Captain Robinson became a Buddhist monk. He changed his European clothes for the yellow robes, the wooden beads and the begging bowl, and entered a monastery in the heart of Mandalay. Maung Ba Ohn smiled. He knew the lure of the poppy.

### 'Cleanse Your Heart'

Each morning Robinson rose before dawn and went to the well with the other monks for a bucket of cold water for his ablutions. Each morning he swept out his bare cell and made his begging round of the village. Then he would sit at the feet of his teacher, U Nyana, and learn the things that those who would walk in the way of Buddha must know.

"Buddhism is a way of life," said U Nyana. "Cease to do evil, learn to do good, because you heart: this is the teaching of the Buddha."

These are some of the precepts which Captain Robinson learned from his teacher. For over two thousand years they have satisfied the spiritual needs of nearly a third of mankind. In the West, and particularly in these post-war years, they are steadily gaining ground. Probably five thousand people in Britain, many of them ex-Servicemen and women, are either acknowledged Buddhists or are interested in the principles of the faith.

But to return to our story—

For months Captain Robinson sought by prayer, meditation, and rigid asceticism to free himself of

the opium habit. He left the calm of the monastery and tramped the dusty roads of Mandalay as a mendicant monk.

But the lure of the drug was too strong. One night he knelt before his teacher and confessed that he could not go on. A few hours later, dressed in Burmese



Captain H. H. Robinson as a Buddhist monk—an artist's impression.

costume, he was hurrying to the House of the Deer and the smiling, painted Maung Ba Ohn.

Again Captain Robinson tried to rid himself of the opium craving—this time by a trip to England. But the flight was useless. He had to go back to Mandalay.

Soon he was smoking the drug twelve, then sixteen, hours a day. All his possessions were sold to buy opium. His friends deserted him. Only one remained faithful—a twelve-year-old Burmese boy named Ba Set.

### Suicide Bid Failed

One day the police arrived at Captain Robinson's house. They had a warrant for his arrest. It was the final degradation.

He went to his bedroom and took out his Service automatic. He put the cold barrel against his temple and pulled the trigger. The bullet crashed through his skull.

There was a moment of agonizing pain. He felt himself sinking endlessly through a red mist.

But he knew that he was not going to die. "Even in this," he thought, "I am a failure."

He groped for the pistol. A second shot would end his misery.

It was then that the police broke into the room.

There followed months in hospital. Miraculously, Captain Robinson lived. But he was blind.

But the shock did what doctors and priests had failed to achieve. He was cured of the opium habit.

Today, he is masseur at a famous London hospital. He is "working out his salvation with diligence," caring for mentally deficient children.

And he is still a Buddhist.

### He Intends To Return

"It is a creed that satisfies both my reason and my emotion," he told me.

"My main objection to Christianity is its defeatist outlook. Ever since I lost my sight twenty-two years ago, I have listened to broadcast sermons and talks. As I often advise my younger friends: 'Never reject advice. Take it all in, sift it, and retain what you think good. It may mean sifting a ton of rubbish to get a grain of good, but it is worth while.'"

"And so I have listened—and not always in vain.

"To me, life is sorrow. But that does not depress me. Sorrow is the steel on which one may sharpen the sword of the spirit. A man who enters this life free from worry, and who has no eye for the sorrows of his fellow-men, is as the man in the Bible who buried his talents. His incarnation has been wasted.

"Of all sins, a sin against children is the most heinous. But nevertheless, it is not the effect of a sin on any person which is the main issue. The main issue is the effect of one's own wrongdoing upon one's own evolution. As far as the one affected is concerned, your sin is one more factor with which you can make or mar the process of your own evolution—according to the way in which you react to it."

Captain Robinson works among his small patients in London's grey surroundings, but before his inner eyes is always the vision of the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas. Somewhere in those fastnesses there is a monastery where he intends to end his days. Recently he started to make the journey, but passport difficulties forced him to return. He is undisturbed.

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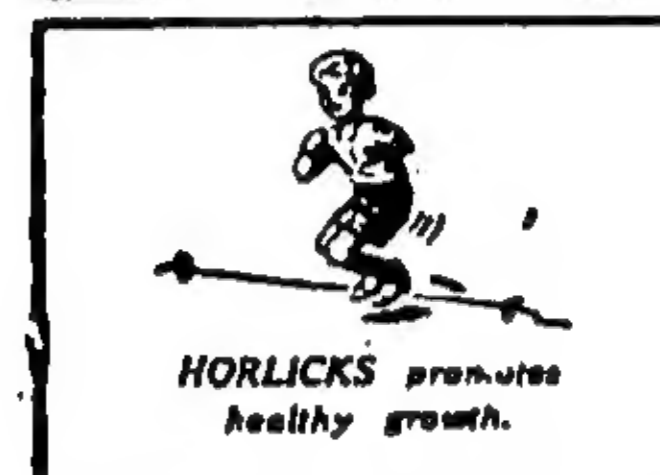
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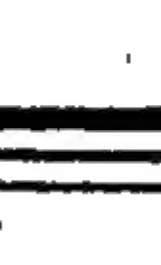
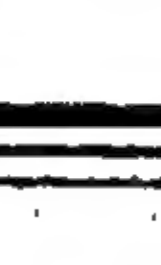


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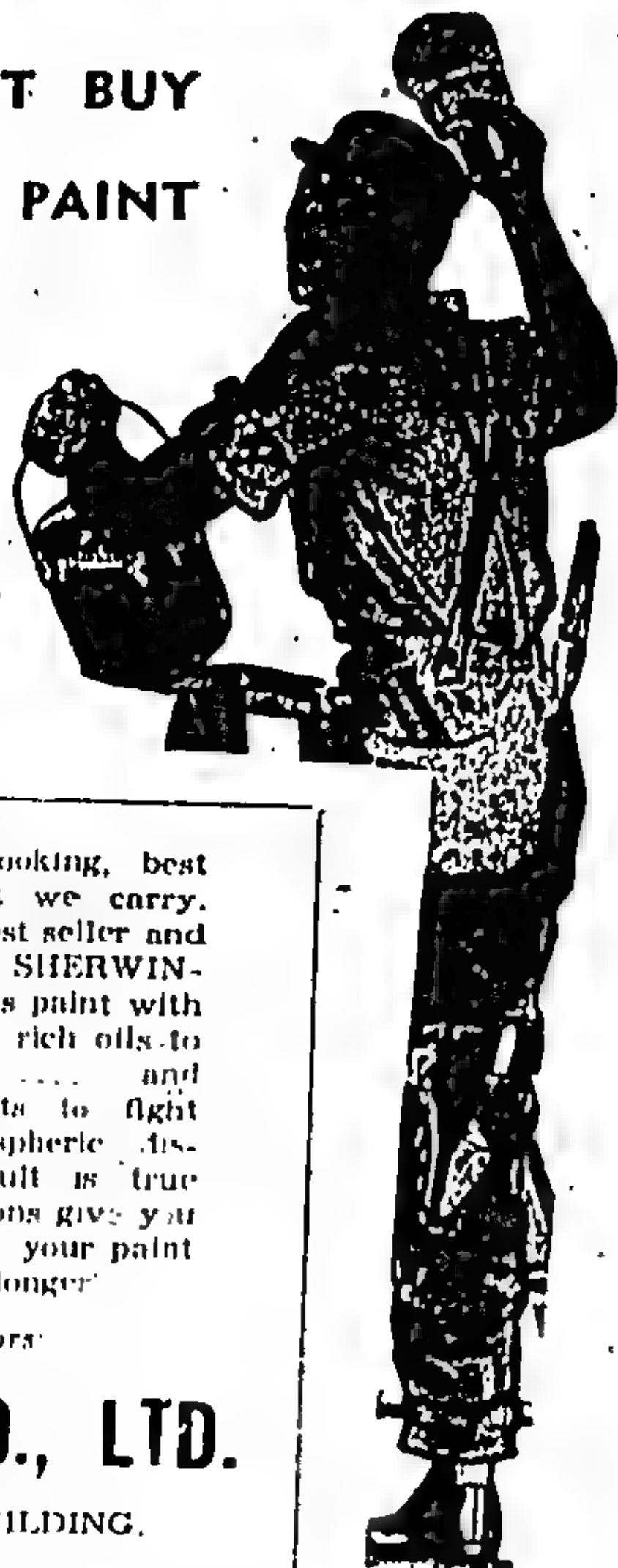
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## Marshall Criticises China No U.S. Currency Stabilisation Fund Situation "Deteriorating"

Washington, Feb. 20.

Mr. George Marshall U.S. Secretary of State, strongly criticised the Chinese National Government and its methods of managing economy and running the civil war when he appeared before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today to ask approval of the \$570 million aid programme to China.

"The United States should not by its actions be put in the position of being charged with direct responsibility for the conduct of the Chinese Government and its political, economic and military affairs," Mr. Marshall declared.

Mr. Marshall made his statement in response to Republican criticism that the present programme was inadequate and that military aid should be added to the material and economic assistance already envisaged.

"Local Governments are often so corrupt that they are undependable for assistance in the administration of relief measures," he said. "Political control by long-entrenched groups is a great difficulty to be overcome in the restoration of China to economic stability."

"The conduct of the Government of the civil war now in progress, particularly in view of the geographic disadvantages—the exposed and lengthy communications and the inherent difficulties in dealing with guerrilla warfare—demands a high order of aggressive leadership in all echelons of command, which is lacking."

"The civil war imposes a burden on the national budget of 70 per cent or more, and financing is now carried on by means of the issuance of paper money. Industrial production is low and transport facilities are poor, the lack of adequate transport affecting particularly the movement of foodstuffs."

"The results are an extreme, really fantastic inflation of currency and an inevitable speculation in commodities as well as hoarding."

Admitting the "Chinese Government is in dire need of assistance," the Secretary of State nevertheless insisted "for the main part, the solution of China's problems is largely one for the Chinese themselves."

Mr. Marshall described the programme he was presenting as a "breathing space" which could help retard the present rapid rate of economic deterioration, but stressed that the "political, economic and financial conditions in China are so unstable and so uncertain that it is impossible to develop a practical effective long-term overall programme for economic recovery."

### No Currency Fund

He rejected the idea of a currency stabilisation fund for China at this time, saying that

### U.S. Naval War Games?

Moscow, Feb. 20.

The United States Navy will begin its manoeuvres in the East China seas in a few days time, a Shanghai message to Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said today.

An aircraft carrier and four destroyers had arrived in Hong Kong, while a number of warships in Chinese territorial waters sailed for the open sea yesterday, the despatch added.—Reuter.

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The situation in both areas were urgent, he said, but since the European programme was a sound one, aimed at permanent recovery, it was more imperative to have it passed in a very short time.

Asked whether American national security was in greater jeopardy in Europe than in China, he said it was.

He frequently avoided controversial questions by saying he would prefer to answer them when the Committee went into secret session later in the day.

### Deteriorating Situation

Asked whether, without aid, the Chinese Government, under Communist pressure, would collapse in a year or so, Mr. Marshall replied:

"The situation is deteriorating seriously there, particularly in Northern China."

He said the American position in Korea would not be affected by the Communists gaining control in North China, but he added that such an event would "make our position very difficult in Japan."

Asked what steps the Chinese Government should take in helping itself, Mr. Marshall said many of the steps he could not recommend in public, "but it is fundamental for the Chinese Government to develop a base of Government, not restricted to a small group, and cleaned up."

"They should do more for their people—the lower classes. They must have certain basic military needs and material. They must have good leadership. They have been hampered by having to combine the political and military in their leadership."

### Fatal Defect

Mr. Marshall commented in strong terms on the military situation in China.

"The fatal defect at the present time is their failure to train men in the ranks, and to train effective leadership," he said.

"While I was in China, and even more recently, I advised every appropriate official of the Chinese Government to do this. They could and can still do this any day in the week."

"They listened sympathetically, but they did nothing. It has not been for lack of advice."—Reuter.

## Students Planned To Use Gas

Belgrade, Feb. 21.

Phosgene gas and typhus bacteria were among the weapons to be used by a group of Yugo-Slav students in an anti-government campaign, according to evidence given on Friday in the trial of alleged "traitors" in Zagreb.

A University student told the court of a plan to spread the bacteria along the route of the Sarajevo-Shumata railway, which was built last year by thousands of Yugo-Slav youth volunteers.

He added that phosgene gas was to have been used to break up "Peoples' Front" meetings. "Poisonous liquids" were to have been placed in all trains carrying military personnel.

The 12 defendants—who include nine university students—are said to be supporters of the former Yugo-Slav opposition leader Vinko Machuk and they are accused of plotting the assassination of members of the Government.

The prosecution alleged that the plots were inspired by directives issued by leaders of the Peasant Party.—Associated Press.

## In Sunny California

Sacramento, Feb. 20.

Governor Earl Warren today proclaimed about two-thirds of California as a drought area. He declared the emergency exists in the livestock industry in 28 counties.

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## U.S. Food Prices Down, Others Going Up!

Washington, Feb. 20.

Food prices are down three and 1/2 per cent from January. Other costs of living have hit record highs and are staying there or going up. Washington officials fear the new steel price rise will light a fresh blaze under inflation. That was the capital's report on the economic shifts of February.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics told the official story of what the market slump did to the market basket.—It brought sizable price cuts in pork chops, lettuce, lard, bacon and eggs, and smaller savings elsewhere.

But fruits and vegetables went up generally. As for other items, the Bureau said manufacturers report "no widespread declines and some advances."

All prices slumped today and many other commodities and stock offered downward.

Two separate surveys showed, meanwhile, that the steady gain in the nation's retail sales has temporarily slackened. Un-

favourable weather over much of the country was considered the main reason for the less favourable sales showing.

Grain prices swung downward, at times sharply, on reports of more favourable growing weather in the winter wheat belt and lack of Government flour buying.—Associated Press.

London, Feb. 20.

The Vatican Radio reported today that the Hungarian Communist Government had seized the current issue of the Catholic weekly "Uj Ember" because it contained a speech by the Cardinal of Hungary. There are now only two Catholic publications left in Hungary.—Reuter.



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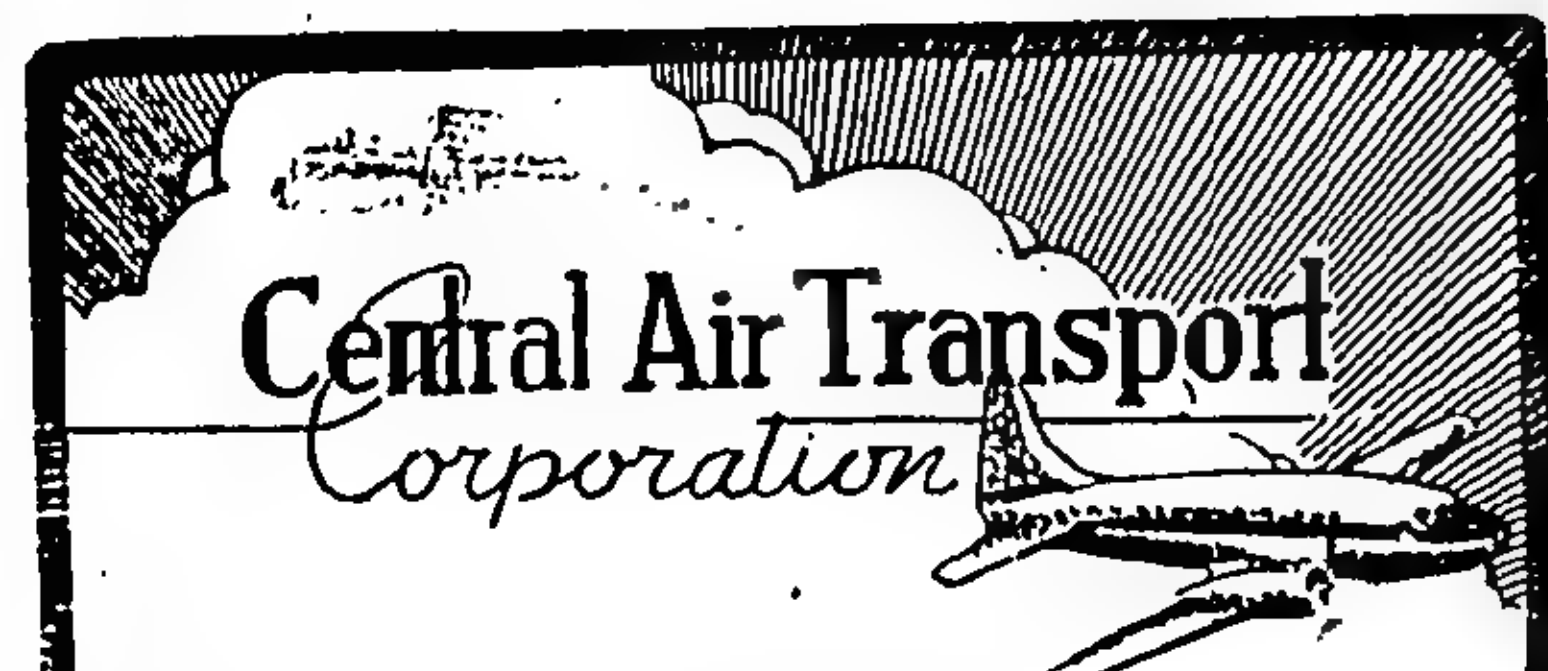
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## BIRTHS

SHIROFF.—At Bombay, on 11th February, 1948, to Capt. and Mrs. N. K. Shiroff (nee Farrin Ruttonjee), a son.

FROMMER.—At the Queen Mary Hospital on February 21, to Irma, wife of Dr. J. E. Frommer, a daughter (Marianne).

## BOYCE REPORT

The main thesis of the Report of the Boyce Trade Mission to China is more or less common ground—that the first economic need is peace, the second the checking of inflation and its attendant inducements to corruption, and that Britain's best contribution towards immediate improvement must be the encouragement of China's export market.

Nevertheless, while most of the conditions dealt with in a remarkably comprehensive analysis are well known and understood in this part of the world, this is probably the first time that the results of such a complete survey have been assembled in a single document, and even while time has overtaken, and worsened, a good many of the economic facts upon which the Report was based, it will reward close study not only by the United Kingdom officials and manufacturers, for whose guidance it is primarily intended, but also by the 'old China hand'.

The proposals advocated by the Mission differ little from what might have been expected. There is no attempt to conceal the fact that the time which must elapse before China can re-establish normal conditions is likely to be long, nor to suggest that there is substantial hope for a great expansion of trade in the foreseeable future. A conclusion that is reached is that China will certainly remain for some time to come a primarily agricultural country, and that even long-range planning must take that as a yardstick.

Not that it is accepted that there is no scope for smoothing the trade flow today. The Mission points out that if the attempt to control all the details of economic life were modified, if the privilege of river navigation were not so jealously guarded, if foreign assistance were to be invited on mutually acceptable terms, both by way of facilitating the movement of cargoes and in the employment of technical experts to aid industrial development, more fruitful co-operation and stimulation of two-way commerce might be possible now, to China's immediate and lasting benefit.

The Report does not overlook—in this matter—the practical and the psychological difficulties which face China, but the emphasis on the need to re-examine physical control over trade, and to plan for an expansive rather than a restrictive organisation of the national economy, is wholly right.

Significantly, the Mission came to the conclusion twelve months ago, which Mr. Marshall emphasised bluntly before a Congressional Committee on Friday, that stabilisation of the existing China currency is not likely to be achieved until peace is restored and the internal budget balanced.

On Hong Kong high hopes are placed—on the assumption that the Colony fulfils its most valuable function: from an Empire viewpoint, namely that it becomes the showpiece of progressive economic policies, of working democracy and of education. The Mission stresses that such a policy, pursued with the full participation of the Chinese in-

# H. K. IMMIGRATION

By H. G. W. Woodhead, CBE

Hong Kong Feb. 20.

The civil war between the Nationalist forces and the Reds in North China and Manchuria have reached a critical stage.

Unless the Nanking forces make a spectacular comeback, Manchuria will soon be entirely in the hands of the Communists.

Red Armies occupy considerable areas in North China, and operate freely over much larger areas, sabotaging industries and communications, and making it perilous for foreigners, and non-Communist Chinese to remain in the isolated centre in the interior. Red forces have been active in the Middle Yangtze Valley, and only a few days ago, a considerable force of so-called "Liberationists" (i.e. Communists) effected a seaborne invasion of the coast a few miles South of Shanghai.

The British authorities are unlikely to take an unnecessarily alarmist view, so that when Britons in various centres in North China are advised to consider withdrawal, it must be assumed that serious apprehension is felt for the safety of its nationals by the British Government.

This warning was issued from Tientsin, coupled with advice to the recipients to avoid the risk of a "double evacuation" by refraining from proceeding to Peking or any other North China city, while evacuation may be found necessary in the near future.

The areas in which these warning notices have been circulated include the whole of North and Central China, East of Sian, Shensi, and Chungking, and it has been emphasized that since extraterritoriality has been abolished Britons must depend upon the Chinese Government for protection, and that the British Government, in the event of an emergency, would be unable to furnish aircraft or other facilities for evacuation.

## Pessimism

The facts speak for themselves in Manchuria and Northern China. But the feeling of pessimism has also spread to South China. A local Chinese Journal reported a few days ago that defeatism is prevailing among the officialdom in Canton, of what it describes as the "Chiang Kai-shek Dynasty," and even asserts that these officials expect Canton to become "the next Mukden" and that house-rats are falling in the suburbs because of fears that Canton may become a future battle ground. There appears to be no justification for this fear so far as the foreseeable future is concerned, but that it should be voiced is evidence of a jittery psychology which is not effectively counteracted may in the not distant future result in a considerable exodus from the City of Rams.

Hong Kong is regarded as a haven of security by well-to-do Chinese in all parts of the country, and, by the less-well-to-do in the Canton area. It is scarcely necessary to recall that hundreds of thousands of Chinese fled to the Colony between 1938 and 1941, following the Japanese invasion of South China. When Hong Kong was estimated to have a population of 1,000,000, the local population had risen from a nominal of under 800,000 to over 1,600,000. Drastic and often barbarous action by the Japanese during the occupation reduced the population to less than 750,000. But since Japan's surrender Chinese immigrants have poured in at

the rate of, often, tens of thousands a month, and today the population must be very close to, if it does not exceed, the estimated 1,600,000 in 1941.

## The Myth

There is a myth, which has persisted for many years, that unrestricted Chinese immigration into the Colony is based upon some Anglo-Chinese Treaty, Convention, or Agreement. But this is only a myth. No such engagement has ever been entered into by the British Government. In fact, an Ordinance "to regulate the entry and departure of persons into and out of the Colony, to prohibit the entry of undesirable immigrants, and to confer various powers in connection therewith" known as "The Immigration Control Ordinance" was approved by the Governor on November 29, 1940 and has never been revoked. The proposed regulation of immigration under this Ordinance did not exclude Chinese. It applied to persons arriving by sea or by land, who might be required to produce valid passports, Entry Permits, Visas, and Certificates of Residence, whenever so required by the local Government. A table of fees attached to the Ordinance provided for \$2.00 for a six-months and \$8.00 for a two-years' Entry Permit, and \$2.00 a year for a Frontier pass, and Passport visa fees equivalent to those levied by the Government of a national desiring entry into the Colony.

## Dead Letter

The Ordinance has remained a dead letter, though it has never been revoked, and in view of the likelihood of accelerated Chinese immigration if the Chinese civil war spreads, it seems high time that the Hong Kong Government considered the establishment of the necessary machinery to enforce it, and fixed a definite date for enforcement. This procedure would be fully justified not only upon the ground that the Colony's housing and public-utility resources are already strained almost to breaking point, but also as a precaution against the Colony becoming a hotbed of Chinese political intrigue and agitation. If this be given as one of the main reasons for the restriction of Chinese immigration, the Nanking Government could hardly offer any valid objection, unless it were willing to see Hong Kong develop into a centre of sedition, from which every anti-Kuomintang, and anti-Chiang Kai-shek agitation received its impetus.

Hong Kong has frequently given asylum to Chinese political refugees—including, upon more than one occasion, the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen—but in the past it has banned political activities directed against the recognized Government of China, and it seems desirable that this policy should be revived. Hardly a week passes now that some disgruntled Chinese political faction does not put out a manifesto demanding this or that, or inciting open revolt against the Chiang Kai-shek re-

gime. The issue of these manifestos, and the use of the Colony for political agitation on intrigue is an undoubted abuse of British hospitality, and if it continues to be tolerated, may well result in involving the Colony in China's political turmoil. Extradition for political or subversive activities on the part of Chinese political agitators is not possible under existing Ordinances, and it would be undesirable to make it so. But it is equally undesirable that Chinese in the Colony should be permitted to engage in political activities for which they would receive short shrift were they to attempt to undertake them in their own country. One has only to imagine the repercussions that would follow were the assassination of some important political personage in China to be traced back to incitement by a group of dissidents in Hong Kong.

## The Limits

A population exceeding a million and a half is more than Hong Kong can satisfactorily sustain. A dry season would inevitably produce a serious water shortage. Moreover, unrestricted immigration renders impracticable a comprehensive programme of social service, in such matters as education, public health, poor relief, and infant welfare. The minority of the community who pay taxes in one form or another cannot reasonably be expected to provide these facilities gratis for thousands of impoverished immigrants. Were it seriously attempted to provide universal education, adequate facilities for tuberculosis cases, and a comprehensive plan for maternity cases, and infant welfare, the immigration rate from the hinterland would increase by leaps and bounds. It is out of the question from the economic viewpoint, for the Colony to assume the role of Fairy Godmother for Canton or other districts in South China.

Any move to stem immigration when it attains panic proportions would have to be improvised, and probably lead to serious friction. The time to take the necessary precautions is now. It would, of course, impose a financial burden on the Colony, but this should be lightened by the imposition of the same visa fees that are charged by China, and, if control cannot be efficiently effected in any other way, by the levy of a small poll-tax, and the issue of identity cards. It is a one-sided arrangement that requires a British or other alien national to pay a visa fee of H.K.\$12 for every visit to China (even to Canton) while Chinese, many of them without any visible means of subsistence, can flock into Hong Kong without any form of restriction.

Capetown, Feb. 20.

Mr. E. K. Scallan, Secretary of South Africa House in London, and Mr. S. F. Dutoit, Minister to Stockholm, have been appointed Ministers to Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires respectively. Mr. E. F. Horn, South African Consul General in Lourenco Marques, has been appointed to Stockholm in place of Mr. Dutoit-Reuter.

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# The Soviet And The Nazis

By "Scrutator"

At the end of the war there fell into American hands in Germany the secret records of German-Russian negotiation and collaboration for the period 1939-41. They exhibit the Soviet Government—and Mr. Molotov in particular—in such a light that at a time when we all hoped for Russian post-war collaboration it was naturally thought inexpedient to publish them. The American Government continued to keep them secret, despite all Mr. Molotov's hostility during the past two years; but after the final breakdown of the Foreign Ministers' Conference it decided that the time had come to publish the facts. It seemed unfair to the world outside the iron curtain to withhold them any longer.

It would appear, however, that there has been some disagreement about it between Mr. Marshall and Mr. Bevin. Copies of American official publications can usually be obtained through the Stationary Office, but this one it seems, has not been available. It is in fact very difficult to get a copy on our side of the Atlantic. On Wednesday, Mr. Churchill asked Mr. Bevin why this was, and did not receive a satisfactory answer. The Foreign Secretary wanted, as he usually does nowadays, more time to consider. He was asked about two things—the publication of the papers by Great Britain. On the first he did not conceal a certain annoyance, and as for the second he "could not agree to be rushed."

**Russian Initiative**

The wisdom or otherwise of this attitude can be best judged if we glance at what the Americans have disclosed. Long summaries in certain newspapers can be referred to by those unable to get the original. The documents now published begin on April 17, 1939, with a feeler for Hitler's friendship put out from the Russian side, and end on June 22, 1941, when the German attack had already been launched on the Russian frontier. The initiative towards Russo-German alliance came from Moscow. Hitler, having annexed Bohemia, Moravia and Memel and declared Slovakia's nominal independence, was pouring troops into all of them for an attack on Poland, which (with a British guarantee and a French alliance) was refusing his demands. In this situation Stalin changed his Foreign Minister, substituting Molotov for Litvinov; and the Russian Charge at Berlin inquired whether this change would alter Germany's attitude to Russia, as in the sequel it plainly did. Negotiations were thus opened up between the two Governments, while Russia was still ostensibly purporting to negotiate with Britain and France. Things were brought to a head in August, when, with Stalin's

consent, Ribbentrop visited Moscow. The Russo-German Treaty was signed on August 23.

Its published text, merely expressed formal friendship, and added a pledge that, if either party were attacked by a third Power, the other would not help the attacker. But we are now shown that there was a secret protocol. By one of its terms Russia was given a free hand to annex the Baltic States. By another, Poland was to be partitioned between Russia and Germany. In other words Communism became Nazism's accomplice, and was rewarded with a share of the swag.

It was part of the bargain that Russia should give war help to Germany, short of entering the war on her side. Thus for the first year of the war she allowed the Germans to use as a naval base against the British Fleet a "technically neutral port" on the Murman coast. On September 5, 1940, the German Ambassador was to thank the Russian Government for this "valuable assistance," and inform them that it was no longer needed, since Germany had now plenty of Norwegian bases to use instead. Oil, food and raw materials were also punctually supplied by Russia and at the same time she provided transit facilities between Germany and Rumania, Persia, Afghanistan and the countries of the Far East.

Germany's conquests of the Low Countries and Franco ruled Mr. Molotov's enthusiasm for the Nazis to the highest pitch, and on June 18, 1940, he sent for the German Ambassador and "expressed the warmest congratulations of the Soviet Government on the splendid success of the German Forces." A few weeks later he handed to the Ambassador a full account of a conversation which had taken place between Sir Stafford Cripps and Stalin.

Since Germany's attack on Russia no words in the Russian vocabulary have been too strong to apply to the Nazis' wickedness; and the Western Powers are constantly being reproached with lukewarmness in resenting and punishing it. It is therefore important to have the evidence of these documents that that was not at all how the Soviet leaders thought about Nazism when its victims were the Western Powers. They chimed in, then with Ribbentrop's suggestion that the Nazis and the Soviet should stand together against the "capitalistic Western democracies."

**The Falling Out**

What caused them to fall out? How came Hitler to attack a Power which was so helpful to him? Part at least of the answer must be found in the Fuehrer's personal creed of Eastward expansion and personal loss of self-control. But as between the Governments these papers suggest where the source of Russo-German disagreement lay. It was, as it had been before 1914, in the Balkans. On September 27, 1940, Germany, Italy and Japan signed a Tripartite Pact, declaring their alliance and demarcating their interests. Terms were discussed on which Russia might join it; but the Soviet's demands, which included control of the Straits and of Bulgaria, were not found acceptable. During the winter which ensued Germany secured the aid of Rumania and Bulgaria, and equipped them with airfields for an offensive against Greece. These developments alarmed Russia, and her uneasiness may in turn have made the Nazis uneasy. Yet Moscow, with its usual failure to understand other Governments, never believed in an imminent attack; and scouted Mr. Churchill's quite accurate warnings of one.

These documents are of substantial value for forming a judgment on the foreign policy of the Soviet regime and the characters of its leaders. British public opinion, by which British foreign policy is controlled, has a duty of forming such a judgment; and why should it be deprived of the materials for doing so? That is the question which Mr. Bevin has to answer, not only in regard to the American-owned documents, which have been published in spite of him, but in regard to the parallel British-owned documents, which he admits to exist, but which he has so far kept hidden away. His motive, as he made clear, is that he wants to "avoid ruffling Mr. Molotov."

# What The Chinese Press Is Saying

Hua Hsiang Pao: The visit by the new Canadian Ambassador to China to Canton is important. A year ago, the Canadian Government was fostering the idea of "co-operation" with the Chiang Dynasty in "developing" South China. However, the negotiations were not fruitful.

After Dr. T. V. Soong's arrival in the South, negotiations in Nanking resulted in some initial success. The current visit to Canton by the Canadian Ambassador is to become acquainted with the South China situation, preparatory to drafting plans.

Details of the "co-operation" between Chiang and Canada, are however, not known. But the plan of a year ago included mining, agriculture, water, conservancy, and railways.

habitants, could do much to dispel one of the factors acting as a deterrent to financial and commercial enterprise—uncertainty about the future political status of the Colony.

In this connection, the framers of the Report admit of no misunderstanding regarding their independent position. "Quite apart from its independent position,"... the special contribution it has had and can make towards the affairs of China is enhanced by the fact that Hong Kong has, in part, also assumed some of the former functions of Shanghai.

The Report is, in short, balanced as well as comprehensive, and should go a long way towards promoting a better grasp of the realities in places where it is likely to prove most valuable.

Wedemeyer's plan has made South China the centre of aggression of American imperialism. Chiang and Soong have already sold various rights in Kwangtung to America. Now, they have dragged in Canada. Not satisfied with one buyer, they have added another, at least with America's approval.

Was not Canada's sale of 150 Mosquito aircraft to Chiang Kai-shek carried out with the approval of the American Government?

Canada wants a foothold in South China. But under Wedemeyer's aggressive plan, her share will how ever be small. America's aim is to have South China exclusively to herself. The original British position in South China no longer exists. Hence, with American props, Canada has been given a free hand to carve what little is available under Wedemeyer's plan. That of course tantamount to giving assent to America's aggressive plans in South China.

**AMERICA'S AID.**

Wah Kiu Yat Pao: America's US\$ 570 million China aid plan is about to be realised. Militarily and economically, the China situation has reached a dangerous point. But the economic position is a little better than the military.

America's object in aiding China is to prevent Communist influence from spreading. But to give military aid, although urgently required, is difficult.

Why does the Marshall Plan specifically point out that any aid from America will be for an economic purpose? It is obvious that America does not want to arouse reaction from the Soviet. If America openly supplies China with military

aid, it will undoubtedly result in Russia intensifying military aid to the Chinese Communists.

To avoid such a consequence, Marshall has taken a moderate course by first rendering economic aid to China, so that China, particularly in the more stable southern part of the country, will be able to build up an anti-Communist base, strengthen herself and then take the initiative to smash Communist influence. The process will be slow but victory will be assured.

However, during the long fighting, we cannot depend solely on outside help. Unless we help ourselves, help from other sources will be useless.

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**POSSESSION CASE**

Hearing of an action by Pura Singh against A. C. Bux for possession of the rear vehicle on the 1st floor of 1 Lee Garden Street, was commenced before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Pulane Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A.S.K. Lau appeared on behalf of Pura Singh (plaintiff). The defendant, A. C. Bux, was represented by Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. A.S.C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings and Company.

Hearing was adjourned till 2.30 p.m. on Feb. 27.

# SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1948.

## THIS AGE OF THE MASS MAN

An "inescapable tension" between the Church and secular society is the starting point of an inquiry carried out by the Social and Industrial Commission of the Church Assembly, the results of which are embodied in a report to be presented to the Assembly at its spring session next month.

The essential characteristics and relationships of the Christian community and the secular community present complexities which today appear to many people to make them irreconcilable. The commission, over which Sir Anderson Montague-Barlow presided, constantly questions assumptions which are generally accepted, such as that more social services are necessarily a good thing in all circumstances.

The Welfare State, as the report terms it, is a consequence of a breakdown in community life in forms hitherto unknown to civilisation—"social disintegration, the formation of monstrously large cities, and the consequent impact of such pressure on the minds and imaginations of millions."

The commission was concerned with assessing "the present opportunities for creating anew community values in English society as we find it." It found itself confronted with "the Mass Man without roots in any natural setting or spontaneous association with his fellows."

### Post-Christian Society

What is to be the attitude of the Christian Church to what the report calls "post-Christian society"?

"The advocates of withdrawal from the world, even in its extreme form of a Church prepared for 'a return to the catacombs,' can, it must be recognised, put forward a strong case."

"The circumstances of our time impose such conditions upon people's lives, it is urged, that the ordinary communicant finds it well-nigh impossible to fulfil the obligation of faithful churchmanship and at the same time play an active part in the social life of the secular community."

On the other hand the Church "can make no truce with the notion that God is interested in men and women only when they are being in the narrow and specific sense 'religious.' The Church is committed to a concern with the secular activities of men and societies."

The Church, being in the world but not of the world, should "persist in repudiating an all too prevalent assumption in secular society, namely, that she is just one more voluntary agency for promoting social welfare under the direction of the Welfare State."

It is not, says the Commission, "the function of the Church to produce good bureaucrats." It would be foolish, even on mundane grounds, for the Church to the itself to any particular social order. "The world passeth away" is a reminder of the insecurity and impermanence of the present world order.

### Function Of The Family

The report welcomes the newly acknowledged significance of the family—the essential community without which none other can exist—but it goes on to say that "it would be dangerous if such attention led to the assumption that the family exists primarily for the strength which it may afford to the collective organisation of a nation."

## What Is The Church's Mission? Its Line Of Approach?

By C. B. MORTLOCK

The point is that the family and the social community now confront each other and do not look out towards wider aspects than themselves. There is an absence from prevalent views of any conception of purpose and function in the family other than those which are self-regarding or relate it merely to the British community, as a report of the British Council of Churches recently pointed out.

### The Creche Baby

"In a healthy society," says the Commission, "the family would be seen primarily as a self-reliant unit serving the nation on its own initiative." That is certainly not how it principally appears today.

The extent to which "social services" such as the creche and nursery school, excellent if rightly used, can be the means of undermining or even replacing family life is not always realised, though G. K. Chesterton anticipated the discoveries of the present inquiry when into the mouth of a babe in a creche he put the lines:

"Mother is happy, for Mother is free  
From the sinister task of attending  
to me,  
And is instead  
dancing up forty-eight floors  
For love of the Leeds International  
Stores."

### Community Centres

What the report calls "tin rabbit-hutches" and other emergency substitutes for human habitation, to which large numbers of our people will have to resign themselves for what is very unlikely to be a single decade, will simply have to have a "home from home" if their tenants are to tolerate life in them and not to conceive an aversion to all that living in a family involves.

The Commission, however, sees danger in the otherwise desirable community centre, for "danger exists in all developments which involve more of our collective income being spent for us." It will do the Englishman more good if he and his family can take a share in a community centre in organising their own entertainments than in having them "laid on."

The report urges a renewed concentration on local church life if Christianity is to penetrate the secular life to a depth it has never done before.

"In other words, shall we in England continue to attempt to spread a thin Christian veneer over a non-Christian society, or shall we attempt the creation of truly Christian communities of one sort or another, parochial and non-parochial? Can every parish in England become a truly missionary community again?"

Turning the parish into a truly missionary community may involve so much living, working, studying, praying and playing together that Christians may be conspicuous by their absence from other activities of general living.

"We know all that can be said about this," the Commission say, "but the moment seems to be one for withdrawal: the moment for return will not be of our choosing or even of our perception."

"Each individual Christian will have to maintain a rigid system of priorities or he will find that he is

drawn this way that that by appeals which, appearing to be based on religious sanctions, are often merely playing on his vanity.

"These situations arise because the non-Christian majority has never expected the Church to be the Church. Modern co-operation counsels—only minister to this persistent delusion that 'we always give in the end.'"

"We have a grave responsibility to common life in a world which has preserved the pattern of Christian turned its back on it. We cannot take any risks, even if our counsel, lose blaze with angelic glory."

### "Outrageous Saints"

Because so few individuals challenge by their lives the reduced picture of human possibilities now so widely accepted, and because of the flight from responsibility (which is inevitably fostered by the Welfare State and is typified by the soldier who "won't take a stripe"), the Commission suggests that the Church's greatest contribution to the revival of a truly common living will be the production of "two or three outrageous saints."

Meanwhile the problem of penetrating the secular world by a handful of active Christians is complicated by the fact that those same Christians need to be inspired with a proper understanding of the Church's divine fellowship.

Furthermore, "the Church is faced with the task of coming to the rescue

with full-time workers in the secular field at one and the same time as those very workers are required to be leaders in the reorganisation of the local church."

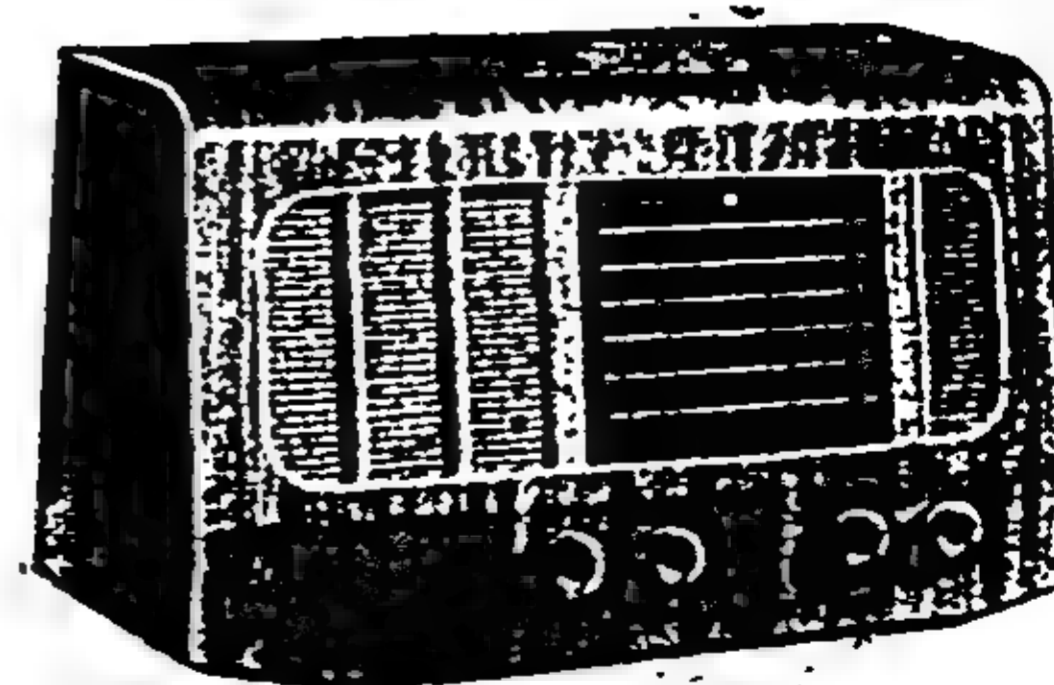
To come to particular instances, the notion that the life of the Church can grow solely by means of the so-called indirect apostolate of the open club, with its discussions and epilogues, is, in the opinion of the Commission, "sheer nonsense and contradicts the very notion of growth in community itself."

The report points out that "if the man who should be teaching next generation Christians in the Sunday school is conducting a cycle ride to admire the wonders of nature on behalf of those who, one way or another, have shown that they are closed at any rate to direct Christian influence, there will not be a Church in the next generation."

### Christian Vocations

The recommendations of the Commission fall accordingly into two parts. In the first place the Church is bidden to consider the need of directing the attention of Christians to those occupations within the industrial and professional worlds which are particularly liable to turn the scale for or against family and social wellbeing. In other words, to encourage Church-people deliberately to seek Christian vocations in the secular world.

In the second place is presented the urgency of fostering family life and fellowship in the orbit of the local parish church, and so expressing the worth of each person and the contribution that each person makes to the common life. The conclusion of the whole matter would seem to be that if the Church is to give an effective lead in action it must begin in the Christian family and in the parish church.



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*Saw His Bride: Went Crazy*  
Bumbliden, Kent.

A man who denied that Dr. Summerkill was his Aunt Edith arrived here yesterday, pushing a heavy handcart stacked with forms relating to the control of birds.

He was given an official welcome by the District Pig Overseer, who, it is believed, may have mistaken him for a plain-clothes Inspector of Flannel.

When invited to address a meeting of local lady bureaucrats who were about to give a demonstration of mass queuing in the Drill Hall in aid of Obedience Week, he said that if housewives would only abate the gristle ration for 24 hours before throwing it away they would greatly increase its salt content, thereby preserving it indefinitely for posterity. He then pulled a cord and unveiled a statue to Mr. Emanuel Shinwell.

Asked by the president of the local branch of the Anti-Liberty League if he had a message of hope for members, he replied in the affirmative.

"Tell them this old country is not yet entirely stifled by restrictions and controls," he said. "There are still a few liberties that remain to be suppressed by enterprising busybodies."

So saying, he draped himself dramatically in the flag of the National Glue Board and left the town, pushing his heavy handcart stacked with forms relating to the control of birds.

M.I.5 officials suspect that he may be a drone employed by the Ministry of Compulsion for private reasons which it would not be in the public interest to disclose.

## Housewives Won't Eat Moby Dick,

Madden, Kent.

The mysterious official who left Bumbliden left Friday, pushing a heavy handcart laden with forms, arrived here this morning in a luxurious limousine which is thought to be one of a special consignment of 500 recently delivered to the National Flannel Board.

His first act was to order a barrier to be erected across the main Dover road, which he announced was closed to the general public until further notice. Private vehicular traffic bound for the coast was confiscated, but ministerial cars and Army lorries were diverted via Reading and Greve.

An important Zober of Hake from the Midlands, who was on his way to St. Moritz to attend an international coks conference in Vienna, estimated that the wastage of petrol might be equivalent to a 20,000-dollar leakage, or enough stalling to buy comforts for the old folks until next Christmas.

Interviewed later by a local news hawk, the mysterious official again emphatically denied that Dr. Summerkill was his Aunt Edith, but admitted that several of his poorer relations held highly paid positions of trust in the Ministry of Compulsion. His wife, he added, was the String Controller for South Wales, although actually she had been trained as a rivet tester and was by profession a monthly nurse.

"Tell everybody that I am watching them intently and shall not hesitate to report their most trivial actions to the proper authorities," he concluded dramatically, and jumped back into his car, which was flying a small flag that a passing cheese mark thought might be the private standard of Inspector Tarr.

He then drove off in the direction of Folkestone, where, he said, he was due to conduct a vigorous mass search of 10,000 citizens who were rumoured to be huddled together on the cliffs, gazing with longing eyes at the for-idden shore of France.

# Over to You

## NEWS QUIZ

1. The future of King Leopold of the Belgians is still uncertain. What is his answer to the latest rumours that he will abdicate soon?
2. The W.A.A.F. has been re-christened. What is its new name?
3. What famous peer this week made a striking proposal aimed at improving the co-operation within the Commonwealth? The proposal was that a supreme consultative body should be set up to be known as the Council of British Nations.
4. British Overseas Airways Corporation started a new service this week. From where to where?
5. A small group of islands, and one island in particular, have been the centre of a dispute between Chile and Great Britain this week. What islands are they?
6. An important new Bill, published on February 18, establishes the dual citizenship principle that the people of the self-governing countries within the Commonwealth have both particular status as citizens of their own countries, and common status as members of the wider association of Commonwealth peoples. What is the name of the bill?

(Answers on Page Two).

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. The Law, in all its manifestations, inspires in most people a trend towards illegality, just for the hell of it. And who can blame them, after looking at the list below? These are all common legal words used in court proceedings—do you know what they mean in the language of the we common people?
- (1) Embracery (2) Certiorari (3) mittimus (4) Replevin (5) Corpus delicti (6) Escheat.
2. Do you know what period of time is a Millennium?
3. Daniel Defoe's epic "Robinson Crusoe" has delighted readers since it was first published in 1719. It was based on fact, and probably taken from the published stories of a man who had been rescued from an island in similar circumstances about six years beforehand. Do you know what adventurer provided Defoe with his ready-made story?
4. While we're on the subject of names, what famous name did William Sydney Porter (1862-1910, if that helps any) write under?
5. There are two different quantities of billions. Do you know what the difference between a billion and a billion is, and what countries use which?

(Answers on Page 4)

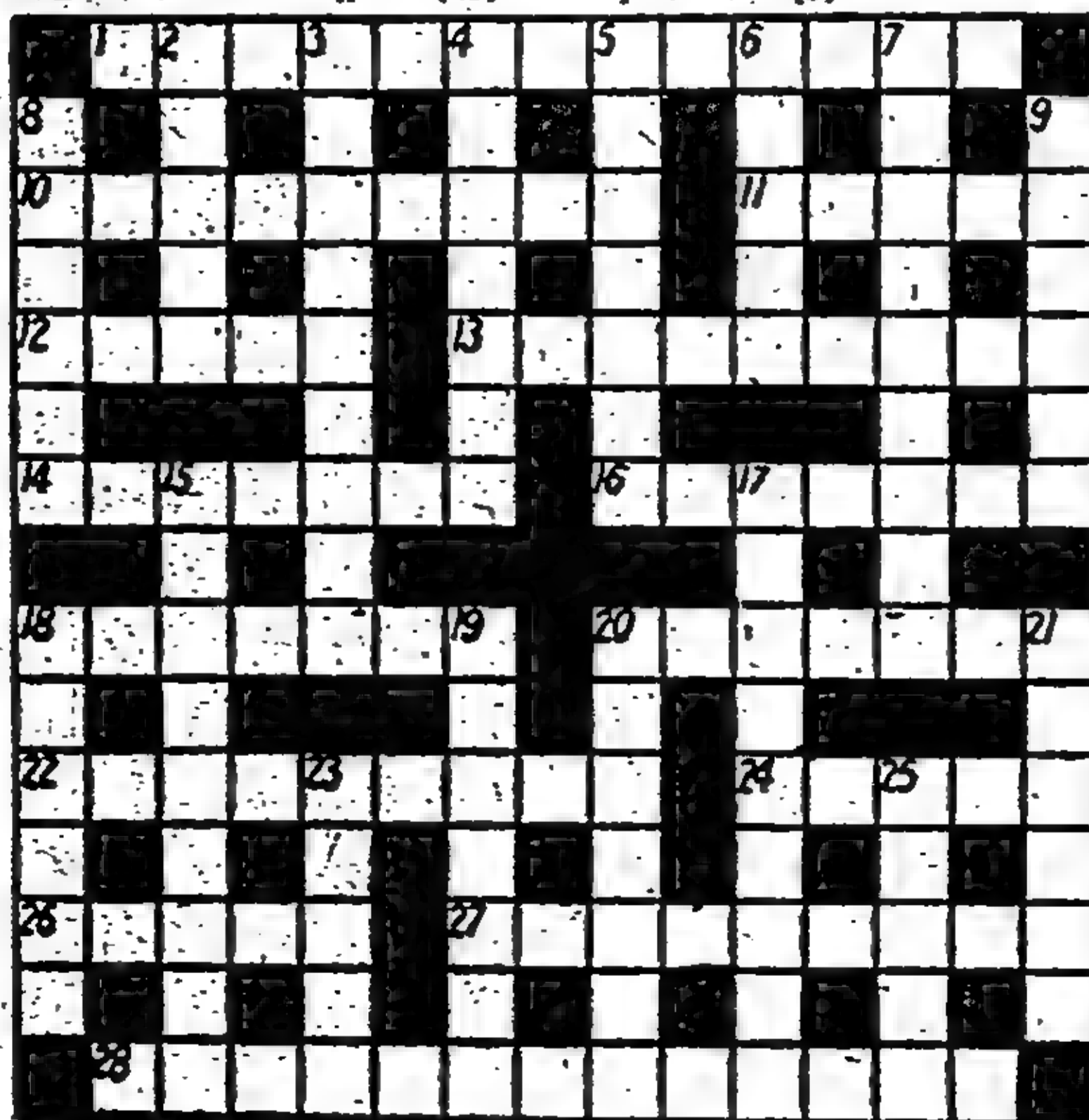
## THE SUNDAY HERALD CROSSWORD No. 44

### ACROSS

- 1 They keep art within bounds. (7, 6)
- 10 One can't keep going in this country without sleep. (9)
- 11 This time is often thought to have had G prefixed. (5)
- 12 "Fashioned so purely, Fragilely, surely, From what Paradisal Imagineless—" (F. Thompson) (5)
- 13 Talk to retain a Scottish firth? (4, 5)
- 14 On which those who are intent may go to 10. (4, 3)
- 16 No art is given proper allowance. (7)
- 18 How to depict a red light at sea? (7)
- 20 Mystics of ancient Palestine. (7)
- 22 One roll of the Ship of State. (9)
- 24 Not cricket, but another game, on the hearth? (5)
- 26 Geographical alternative to the Girl with the Golden Voice. (5)
- 27 The long and short of communication. (5, 4)
- 28 Public notices introduced by a woman with little weight. (13)

### DOWN

- 1 It holds pen upside down. (5)
- 3 Where Holy Water is dispensed? (6, 3)
- 4 Everyone in colour is got at. (7)
- 5 One of a trio summoned by a famous old king. (7)
- 6 When a donkey turns up he keeps his distance. (5)
- 7 Ducky underwear. (9)
- 8 Am I to get the aide-de-camp round? (6)
- 9 The clue is appropriately numbered for a span. (6)
- 15 He would no doubt be branded as notorious. (6, 3)
- 17 A bit of a trial presumably. (4, 5)
- 18 "What's to come is still unsure; In delay, there lies no—" ("Twelfth Night"). (6)
- 19 A three-footed railway worker. (4, 3)
- 20 Could not be suggested by a small n. (7)
- 21 He makes kind classifications. (6)
- 23 Bodily roots. (5)
- 25 No, in a British victory in Mesopotamia. (5)



**SOLUTION TO No. 43.**—Across: 1 Cabinet, 10 Photograph, 11 Mayfair, 12 Somnolence, 13 Leg Show, 14 Pastoral, 15 Steeper, 17 Sandy, 24 Sedilia, 25 All Along, 26 Greatly, 27 Orange Peel, 28 Nineveh, 29 Soap Ration, 30 Ageless.

Down: 2 Analects, 3 Infested, 4 Episodes, 5 Throw, 6 Standards, 7 Agility, 8 Banners, 9 Wheedle, 16 Rainpots, 18 Yearling, 19 Mirabell, 20 Fielders, 21 Papoose, 22 Old Adam, 23 Old Girl, 25 Genoa.



PILSNER

## BRIDGE

By YARBOROUGH

A stage is reached in the bidding of most hands when psychology is of greater importance than convention. The more abnormal the distribution of the hand the sooner this stage is reached. Consider this example:

S—none

H—A x x x x

D—A 10 9 x

C—K x x x

S—Q J 5

H—K 10 x x

D—x x

C—Q 10 x x

N  
W E  
S

S—10 9 6 3 2

H—Q J x

D—Q

C—A J 9 8

S—A K 8 7 4

H—x

D—K J x x x x

C—x

This hand was played at ten tables in a recent "pairs" competition. The score was game all. North, the dealer, opened with One Heart at all ten tables. East overcalled One Spade, and it was a question what South's reaction should be. Should he double—a business double—or should he bid his Diamonds? Which alternative is the better psychology? At four tables out of the ten he doubled East's bid. At two of these tables the contract was made, 110 points being scored. At the other two tables the contract was defeated by two tricks with a loss of 500 points.

At the six remaining tables South's psychology was better, and he steered the contract into Six Diamonds at three of these tables (scoring 1,370 points), and into Five Diamonds at the other three (scoring 620 points). The (biggest) swing due to better psychology was thus 1,480 points.

The school which favours the so-called "light" double was seriously upset with the result of this light double. A conventional count of high-card tricks (North's promised 2½ plus South's 2½) combined with the prospect of a ruff or two hardly offers a sufficiently lucrative penalty to offset the probable loss of a very attractive contract in Diamonds if North has a fit for this suit. A good psychologist will visualise the favourable chances of such a fit while a poor psychologist will be blind to them.



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# Talking about Films

## NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

By Fred Majdalany

As there is (but nearly wasn't) only one new film in the West End this week, I have been able to spend some time in the other celluloid world—the less glamorous but equally important one which makes short films.

This world of little films is more extensive than you might suppose.

Its most influential member these days is the Films Division of the Government's Central Office of Information.

In the past year the C.O.I. has made 80 films. These range from longish ones like "School for Danger" and "Children on Trial" (which were both shown as main features) to an intriguing little epic called "Stomach Pains in Sheep."

Most of their films are commissioned by Government Departments, and are sold to the trade for exhibition in the ordinary way. Though each month they distribute free to 3,500 cinemas one picture they consider important.

Apart from the ordinary cinema public they teach a further audience of 5,500,000 a year through their 150 mobile projectors.

They have a library of 14,000 films from which you can make your choice.

### Amusing, Too

More than 50 small studios are engaged in making documentaries—some of them consisting of two men, a camera, and a disused garage—and the C.O.I. employed 80 of them last year.

Ronnie Tritton (C.O.I. films chief) and his associates fully realise that documentaries must be entertaining and overcome a tendency to be stuffy and something you ought to see for the good of your soul.

But the difficulties are obvious. As with American radio, the sponsor is all-powerful. If he wants a Tschai-kovsky melody set to words stating that "Bultitude's Beans Are Best" he must have it.

If the Ministry of Health orders a film and demands a similar stress on "Bevan's Beautiful Bungalows" the situation is roughly the same. Ministers of the Crown are not necessarily the best judges of what is entertaining, and in some of them a slight political bias can be detected.

Three of C.O.I.'s newest films due for release show that this sense of entertainment is making headway.

One, "The Cumberland Story," tells the true story of the reopening of an undersea pit off the Cumberland coast.

The other two are instructional films which hold their own as comedies. One, "Designing Women," wittily advises newly weds on the things to buy and not to buy for the home. The other, "Pool of Contentment," is a trifle designed to show senior Civil Servants how unnecessarily difficult they make life for the pool of typists who take their dictation.

### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. A royal spokesman said: The king will not abdicate unless asked to by his people. (16.2.48)
2. Women's Royal Air Force (WRAF). (16.2.48)
3. Viscount Bruce of Melbourne. (19.2.48)
4. Singapore to Ceylon. (19.2.48)
5. Greenwich Island in the Falkland Group has been garrisoned by Chilean troops, while Britain and Chileicker on the subject of the future of the islands. (19.2.48)
6. The British Nationality Bill. (20.2.48)

"The Swordsman" (Empire) is a Scottish Western in Glorious Mac-technicolour—one of those lovely, unself-conscious adventure stories that are pure Hollywood from start to finish.

The feud between two American-speaking Scottish clans is the theme, and there never were two better-dressed clans or more blood-thirsty and spectacular feuding.

A MacArden (Larry Parks) loves a Glowan (Ellen Drew), and after an incident as treacherous as the Massacre of Glencoe, which delights all right-minded schoolboys, peace comes to the glens.

All the usual Hollywood Scottish trimmings are there—including a feast like an advertisement in *Life* and a brand new climate.

Never, surely, can the Highlands have enjoyed so many days of blazing, uninterrupted sunshine.

I loved every minute of this film.

When you translate a famous novel into another medium you enjoy great advantages; but you have to pay for them. What Sir Alexander Korda gained by choosing Anna Karenina is obvious enough—the world-wide prestige of the novel; a powerful story; character drawing of a depth and intensity possible only to genius; a background rich in incident and colour.

And the drawbacks? They are obvious, too. The ideal film story concentrates on a few people and their reactions to each other and events over a short period of time. The Unities are to play and film what corsets are to a woman—not essential, but a great safeguard against sagging. A huge, sprawling masterpiece like "Anna Karenina" can only be squeezed into the framework of the screen by ruthlessly lopping off all the bits that bulge out.

When some of us are always complaining of original works being mutilated it seems ungrateful to suggest that this one has been treated too respectfully. The fact remains, as Korda remarked dispassionately after the preview, that the film will be greatly improved by cutting. After all, when one pundit (not a film critic) can remark on the air that the 1935 Garbo version was "all about a horse race," a too sensitive conscience in these matters would hardly seem to pay.

Anna Karenina has already been given a review in these columns. Reflection confirms certain immediate impressions.

The first is wonder, even awe, at Tolstoy's prodigious power of creation. He can fill, as only the greatest can, canvas after canvas with characters, all more vital than half the people you know. The screen is an impressionistic art unsuited to subtle analysis of motive. Yet you do, I think, really come to know the unhappy, conventional woman who rebels against society and is crushed and the poor priggy husband to whom scandal means a hideous martyrdom.

Vivien Leigh may not be an ideal Anna—the amusing mix is, I fancy, more her line—but she has beauty and intelligence; and Sir Ralph Richardson's Karenin is superb. If, by contrast, Kieron Moore's Vronsky seems a little superficial, well, that's the sort of man he was. If he were not, we should have a different story.

Daughter of Darkness (Carlton) is another British film bound to please a big public, in spite of wild improbabilities, and accents that might have come

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to a Yorkshire farm straight from Bloomsbury, and probably did.

My own fancy is for thrillers whose whole plot makes sense; but if you don't happen to boggle at the notion of a smallish girl strangling 6ft 3in heavy-weight boxers with her bare hands without suffering a scratch or a tear in her frock, then here is exciting hokum.

This film introduces a brilliant newcomer, Siobhan McKenna. Miss McKenna is from the Abbey Theatre and pronounces her baffling Christian name Shovawn. What Mark Twain said of foreigners is true also of the Irish: they spell better than they pronounce. Maxwell Reed makes a fine, upstanding victim! Anne Crawford is attractive and competent, though not my idea of a Yorkshire farmer's wife and Liam Redmond gives a beautiful little study of a priest.

### Current Shows

ROAD TO UTOPIA.—At the King's. Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour at their harmonious best.

FOUR JILLS IN A JEEP.—At the Star. Kay Francis, Martha Raye and Carole Landis.

SINBAD THE SAILOR.—At the Queen's. Arabian Nights colour film, with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Maureen O'Hara.

STRANGE WOMAN.—At the Lee. Strong drama, with Hedy Lamarr, George Sanders and Louis Hayward.

O.S.S.—At the Cathay. Secret service, with Alan Ladd and Geraldine Fitzgerald.

SAN ANTONIO.—At the Alhambra and Central. Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith out on the range.

BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES.—At the Majestic. One of the best film of all times, with Frederic March and Myrna Loy.

# UNCLE REMUS

AND HIS TALES OF BRER RABBIT

WELL, BRER RABBIT WENT OFF LOOKIN' FER A NEW WORLD, BUT TH' CREEPERS THINK HE'S DONE KICKED TH' BUCKET!



## MERRY MOMENTS:

Tom: What seven letters of the alphabet did the lady say when she knocked over the jug of milk?

Henry: O I C U R M T !

Chefs of the future will cook with heat generated by atomic energy. Their specialty will probably be fission chips.—Punch.

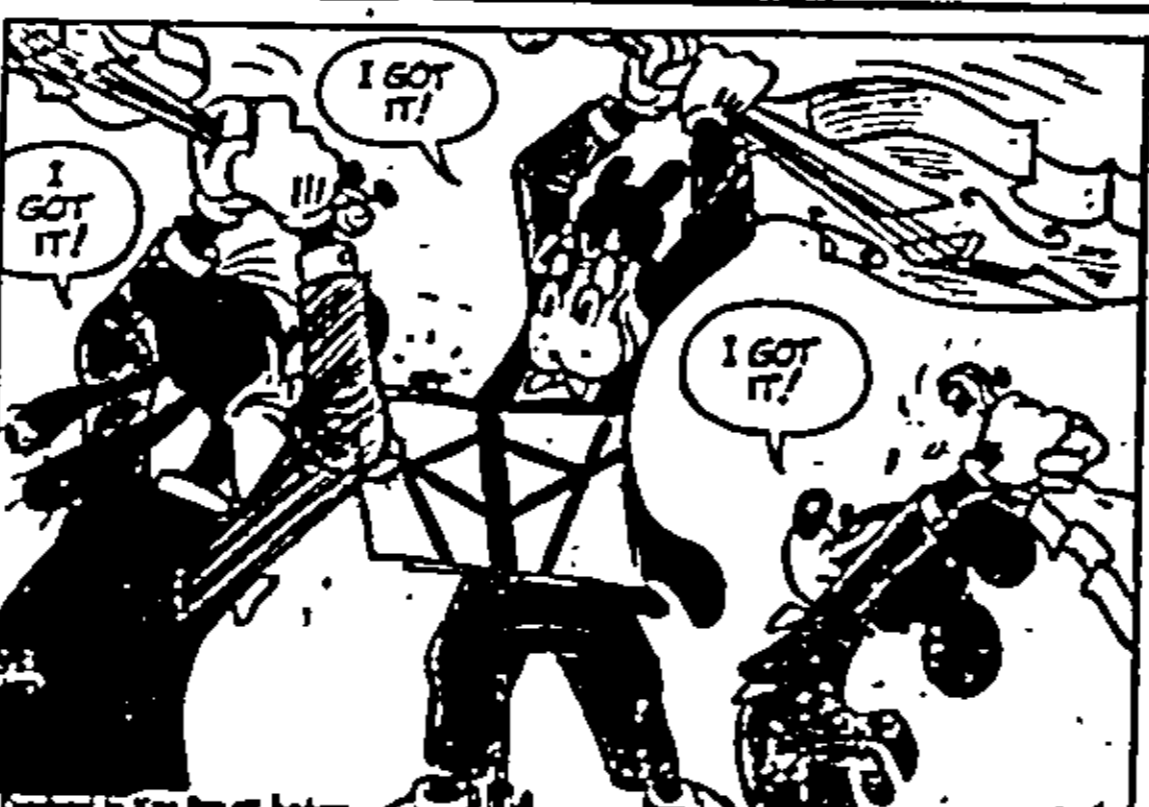
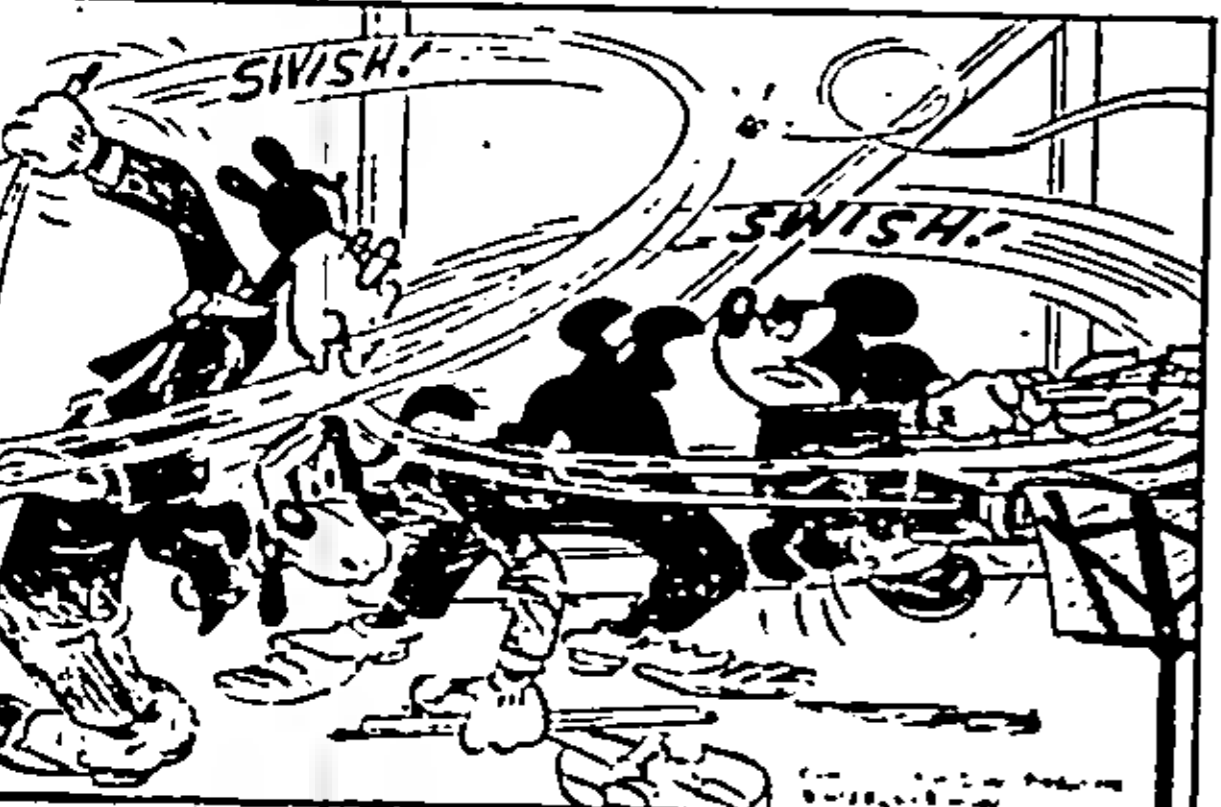
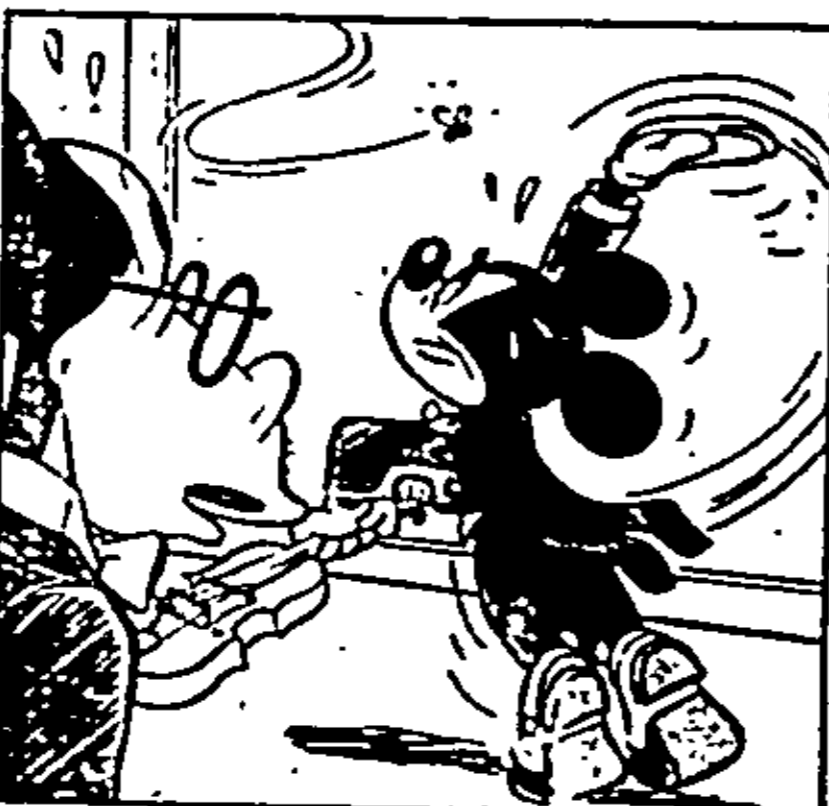
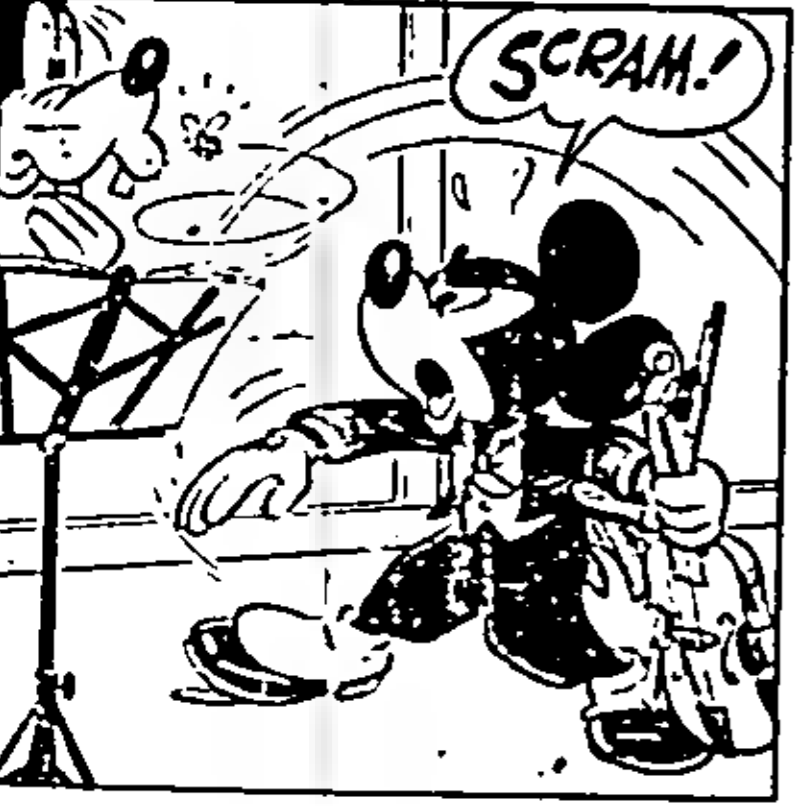
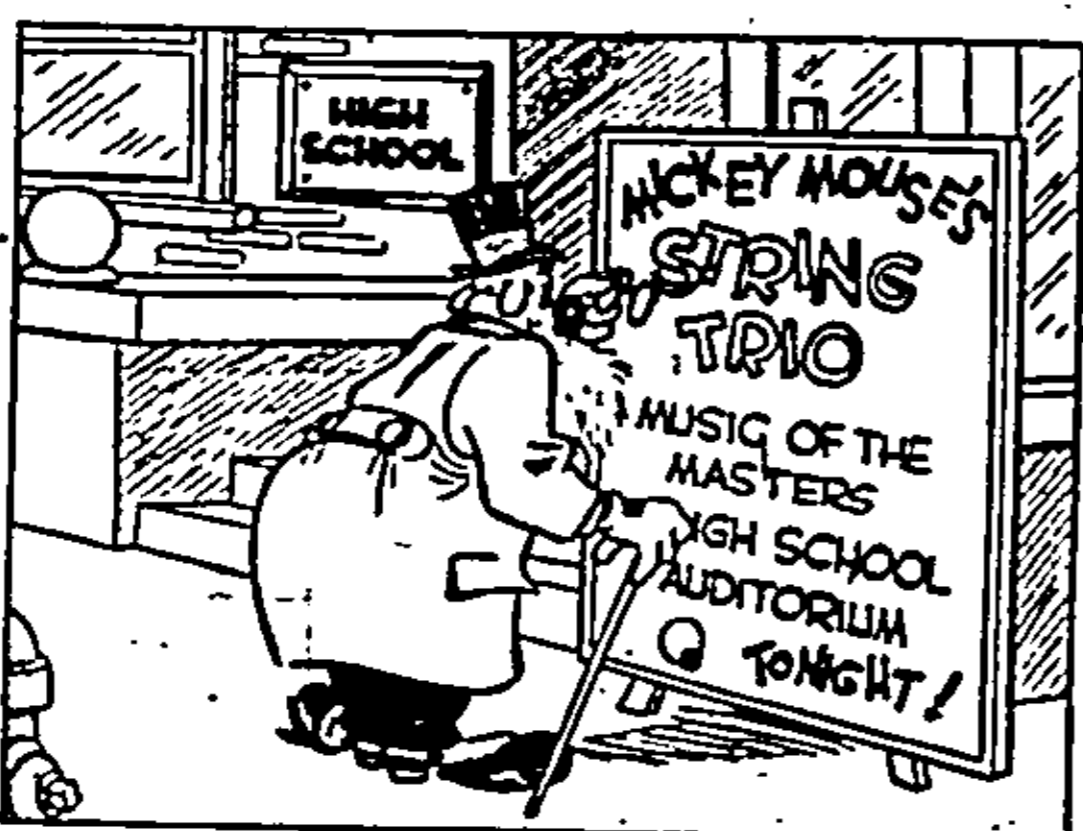
Wife: "Have you a good memory for faces, dear?"

Husband: "I have."

Wife: "Splendid—I've just dropped your shaving mirror."—Tidbits.

# WICKY MOUSE

by WALT DISNEY



# Our Serial Story

## THREE FOR LUCK

MAJOR MIKE SULLIVAN, ex-police-man who became a paratrooper hero, has met

ARTHUR MAYO, millionaire race-horse owner, whose horse

HAPPY MUNSTERMAN, is favourite for the Guineas and the Derby. Attempts have been made to kill the horse, one of them foiled by Mike and

MOIRA MAYO, the millionaire's beautiful daughter. Mike suspects

DIAMOND HOTCHKISS, race gang leader, and his right-hand man,

TURKEY REDDIN, former all-in wrestler. While Mike and Moira are away in Newmarket Mayo is kidnapped in Liverpool. In a raid on a house where he was held Mike captures Reddin and hands him to the police. He tells Hotchkiss that if any harm comes to Mayo Reddin will be charged with murder and

MIKE goes down to Brighton and finds that the Hotchkiss gang is still well-known in the seaside resort.

"They've gone up in the world a bit. They have a place of their own now—a pub called the Turkey Run. Quite a posh place for them. Got an orchestra and a dance floor at the back. You'd scarcely notice them in the crowd nowadays. The Turkey Run is quite popular with holidaymakers as well as the shady types."

"Ah, well it takes a clever man to spot a crook nowadays, I expect," said Mike as he went off to his room for a wash before dinner.

### Escape

After a hasty meal he decided to investigate this Turkey Run. He found it in a back street in the less select part of the town, not far from the railway station. It was a pretentious-looking place, all chromium plate and red paint on the outside.

The name of the licensee above the door interested him. The sign ran: "Thomas Reddin, licensed to sell wines, spirits and beer on or off the premises."

So Turkey Reddin had a pub? The name showed a sense of humour, that Mike felt had come from Turkey's backer in this venture rather than from the ex-wrestler himself.

The lounge bar inside was a masterpiece of expensive bad taste. It was a garish mixture of red leather, shiny tubular steel and pseudo-Spanish decorations. But it seemed to be popular, judging from the crowd milling round the bar.

Mike sat down at a table and ordered a drink. There was an evening paper on the chair beside him, and he picked it up and glanced at it idly. He had been reading it for a minute or two before his eyes fell on a paragraph which caught his attention. It read:

#### REMANDED MAN ESCAPES FROM CELLS.

"After being remanded for a week at St. Hilda's police court (Lancashire) on a charge of stealing a motor-car, Thomas Reddin, of no fixed address, escaped from the cells of the police station, where he was being kept awaiting removal to Walton Gaol, Liverpool. It is believed that he was aided in his getaway by two men in a high-powered car which was seen parked outside the police station about the time of the escape. Police throughout Lancashire are searching for the escaped prisoner."

### 'Poppy Cock'

So they had traced Reddin to St. Hilda's? Mike supposed that the police court would be reported in the evening papers in Liverpool. It would not be difficult for the Diamond Gang to raid a little local police station once they knew where Reddin was.

By

TRAVERS HUTCHIN

This meant he must work fast. Reddin was his main hostage for the safety of Arthur Mayo. He must lose no time tracing Mayo now.

Unless, of course, he could trace Reddin himself. Apparently he had concealed his address from the police. Mike wondered whether he would dare to return to Brighton. He might, since Hotchkiss probably had no reason to think that Reddin's connection with this town had been traced.

He looked round the room. It was hard to believe that in this typical public house crowd there were toughs of the most dangerous type. But he was sure that men of Hotchkiss's gang were to be found in the groups around him.



AS THE GANG CAME OUT MIKE HID HIMSELF IN THE ALLEY.

A stout man sat at the table beside him. He leaned over to Mike and asked if he might have a look at the evening paper. Mike passed it over. After a glance at the back page, the stout man heaved a sigh of relief.

"Happy Munsterman has kept its place in the betting," he wheezed. "Thought there would be bad news at the call-over. Rumours that he wouldn't run. Bad for those who had backed him. Worse for me if he went out to ten-to-one and then ran after all. I'm a bookmaker, see? But it seems to have been all poppycock. No change."

"Where did all these rumours about the horse come from?" Mike asked casually.

"Don't know," said the other, shrugging his shoulders. "But it was all over the place here."

### 'Back Room'

Then he leaned closer to Mike, a knowing look on his face.

"The boys in the back room knew all about it, anyway. And you've got to listen to them. They usually know." He swivelled his eyes towards the back of the bar, as if to point out where "the boys in the back room" were to be found, and then winked.

"Are they great experts on racing?" Mike asked, as if not greatly interested.

The stout man gazed at him for a moment before replying. "They know what they're about," he said abruptly. Then he gulped down his whisky and left the bar.

Mike guessed that he was wondering whether he was a policeman and that

he did not want to be seen talking to a policeman in Reddin's bar. He could almost hear the bookmaker's thoughts as he told himself that he had been a fool to talk to strangers. Mike had frequently found that his height was a disadvantage in dealing with people who regarded policemen as dubious characters.

He looked across the bar. There was indeed a back room—anyway, there was a door in the centre of the bar which apparently led to another room. He saw the barman carrying a tray of drinks through this door, and from the number of glasses on it he surmised that there were eight or nine people in the back room.

But there was no opportunity of discovering any more about them, since the door was behind the bar.

He finished his drink and went out again into the street.

At the back of the Turkey Run was a narrow, dark passage which was apparently used mainly as a dump for empty bottles and packing cases. An iron gate which gave access to this alley was locked, but he easily scrambled over it.

Half-way along the passage was a back door into the public house. Mike went past it before trying the lock. The passage was a cul-de-sac and ended in a high wall. He retraced his steps to the door, fairly confident that if he needed to find a quick hiding place the pitch-dark end of the passage would afford cover.

He listened carefully at the keyhole. He could hear the distant sound of the crowd in the saloon bar, the clink of glasses and the ringing of the till. But there were no sounds near at hand.

He decided to take a risk, and gently turned the handle of the door.

It opened quietly. Inside was a corridor, dimly lit by one electric bulb. At the far end was a door with a glass panel. He recognised it as the door he had seen in the bar. Half-way down the corridor was another door.

Mike ran swiftly along to this door and immediately heard voices. He suddenly regretted that in his previous contacts with Hotchkiss he had let the gangster do so little of the talking. For now he was not sure whether the voice was his or not—but it seemed to have the same tone.

"Which other way, boss?" asked another occupant of the room.

"Both," snapped the first speaker. "You've got to give that Mayo a work-out tonight. Has anybody gone to London to see if that bitch of a daughter of his has written that letter? It should be there in the morning. Did she sound as if she would do it, Tiny?"

"Sure, boss," Mike recognised the spurious American accent he had heard on the phone the night before. "I gave her the works good and proper. She was crying when I had finished with her. I guess. I think she'll do it, boss."

### Plotting

Mike felt an overwhelming urge to open the door and give the speaker "the works." He promised himself that pleasure one day soon.

"Well, find out tomorrow, somebody," growled the voice of the man called boss. "And bring it down here as quick as possible, because I want to

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use it on Mayo. Better go yourself, Tiny."

There was the sound of chairs scraping on the floor. Mike crept rapidly back down the corridor and out into the dark alley. He had not even time to shut the door before that of the "back room" was beginning to open. He retreated to the far end of the alley and pressed himself flat against the wall.

When Hotchkiss came out the back door of the pub he was blaspheming violently. The object of his abuse was whoever "had left that so-and-so door open as if this was a so-and-so mission hall that people came into whenever they felt like it."

Diamond was followed by a very tall man—Mike wondered whether he was Tiny. He could not see more than his silhouette against the lights of the street at the far end of the alley.

MORE NEXT WEEK

## Answer This Question— You May Win \$2.

### "What Do You Think?"

This week we have another question for you to answer. It is:

"What are your favourite hobbies?" Answer this in not more than 150 words, and let us have your answer before March 3. Any boy or girl up to 16 can enter this competition.

The best answer will be published on March 7, and the winner will receive \$2.

Do you like collecting stamps, playing sports, walking, pasting in cuttings, going to the cinema? Write in and let us know what your favourite hobby is, and why!

## World Spotlight:

### SCHOOL IS A JEEP

An ex-British officer, Major C. S. Pryce-Davies, has devised something new in the way of schools.

His "school" consists of a jeep fitted up with a cinematograph and several which he claims are sufficient to "provide" which he has made himself, and vide a very useful educational back ground.

He is travelling in Africa and taking his "school" around with him. Lessons are given in the open air as well as indoors.

This is how the Major organises his lessons. Geography consists of films of British life, and travelogues of Africa, India, Turkey, Italy and France.

History is represented by a series of twelve films in which children play the parts of famous men and women of the past. Arithmetic is taught by close up examples of sums worked out on the blackboard with a running commentary.

"I hope that one day the cinema will be used much more as a means of education," says the Major.

His pupils agree. They are usually sorry when he packs up his jeep and departs. He has had several offers of permanent work by various Governments, but prefers to travel around. (From G. D. K. McCormick *Tangier*.)

### IN SIMPLE THINGS

(From the *Christian Science Monitor*)

Gold was the gift of the tall strange kings.

But the joy of the Child was in simple things;

The angels' song that filled the sky Was lost in a mother's lullaby.

The brightest star that ever shone Led the wondering wise men on;

But the little torch that Joseph bore Guided them through the stable door.

Words of worship and awe were said; But the kindly straw made soft His bed.

And the eye of the ox was brown and sweet As his rough hair warmed the Baby's feet.

—SILVER BUCK BELLOWS.

## AT MY TYPEWRITER...

Now you know the name of your club! I hope you like it. Next week we will publish an entrance form and those of you who want to be members can send it in. Later you will receive your badge, to show that you are a member of the Club.

Two weeks ago, in the Jumbled Words, we gave you Valparaiso as the capital of Chile. A sharp-eyed American reader of this page wrote in, very peeved, to say that the capital of Chile is Santiago, not Valparaiso. Yes he's right! Sorry, Chile.

I wonder what is going to happen to Brer Rabbit next week? He is having a bad time just now! I hope Uncle Remus gets him out of it all right.

Happy days to you all, from

*Auntie Vee*

# Children's Page

## MAKE UP A STORY USING THESE WORDS

So many of you asked for more Word Competitions after "Constantinople" that this week we decided to give you another one to work out.

Below is a list of words, twenty-two of them. What you have to do is make up a story using all these words in the order in which they appear below. Don't make your stories too long, and remember, make them sensible!

SEVERAL  
UNDEREATH  
ROLLING  
GATES  
STREAM  
COLLECTION  
SUNSET  
FORGET  
LONELY  
CONTINUED  
BRIGHTLY  
SHOUTING  
LOPSIDED  
LEVEL  
CONTINUED  
SEASON  
CUSTARD  
LOCALLY  
ORDINARY  
GALLOPING  
SUDDENLY  
TRUMPET

If you are not over 16 you can enter this competition. Have your entries in by Thursday, February 26.

Auntie Vee's decision will be final.

1st Prize: \$10.

2nd Prize: \$3.

3rd Prize: \$2.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

AGE .....

## SORT OUT THESE JUMBLED WORDS—

This week's Jumbled Words are back to the old style again—they are just any words at all, chosen from here and there.

When you have guessed them (or looked at the answers below!) if there is any word you don't know, look it up! Don't just pass it over.

TCATSAFNI TURICS  
IKKVAR LPESOOEH  
DRYIA MONUINAT

Hopeless Mountains.  
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JUMBLED WORDS ANSWERS

## MY SCOTTIE

Sambo is my Scottie's name.

People think him very tame.

But in ladies' stockings he does tear  
Huge holes which make them say  
"Beware!"

I have experienced this before.

So I never leave things on the floor;

Take my advice while the going's good

Or he will chew your very best hood.

But with all his naughtiness he's very cute.

And snuggles up at my father's foot.

He hates the water, but loves to be clean,

And everyone loves him, so it seems.

Suzanne Wickerson, 2 Peak Road, Hong Kong. Award \* \* ).

## The Bluebird

I met a little blue bird one fine day  
And she told me a story which was so gay.

She told of the little tree  
In which she lived with her children three.

She told me of a little pool  
Which in the mornings is always full.

And every day she bathes in it  
When for her children she's ceased to knit.

She told me of a little bee  
Which bothers her when of work she's free.

And then she said she must fly away  
For she had work to do that day.

(Nana Rodrigues (13), Hong Kong. Award \* \* )

## Word Wisdom

Triangle (tri-angl): An enclosed space surrounded by three straight lines, which form three angles.

Tributary (tributari): This has two meanings. (1) To bring gifts (tributes) to a higher authority or a neighbour, and (2) to bring new supplies to, as a tributary of a river brings new water into the larger stream.

Authority (awthoriti): The right to rule over others.

Federation (federashun): A group of separate states joined together under one Government to make one nation. Federation also means "the act of" joining these states together.

Federal (fed-eral): The adjective of the word "federation."

Planet (plannet): Any one of the millions of stars which are turning around the sun. A planet is a star that is moving round the sun all the time, and a star that stays put, is called a sun.

Confident (konfident): To be absolutely sure that you know what is going to happen.

Approve (aproov): To be in favour of.

## NAME CHOSEN FOR NEW CHILDREN'S CLUB

The voting for the name of the new children's club we will be starting was very close—the winner was only a couple of points ahead!

And the winner? Well, it was No. 2—

### The Herald Companions' Club.

So now you know!

A badge is being designed for the club—we had to wait until you had sent in your votes, to find out which name you preferred. When the design is ready we will have the badges made and all those who have sent in their entry forms will be sent one, and become a member of the Herald Companions' Club.

The first Entry Form will be published next week. Make sure you get it!

## LAST WEEK'S PRIZEWINNERS

It is a pity we can only publish one of the prizewinning crosswords sent in, because all of them were very good.

Cyril C. Sousae (15), 158, Belcher's Street, Top Floor, Kowloon made up the crossword which is published below. He therefore wins \$7 as his prize.

The other two prizes go to Nana Rodrigues (13), French Convent School, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, and Luiz Noronha (16), 293, Hennessy Road, Top Floor, Hong Kong.

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### CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Continent.
- Before.
- Young Man.
- To steal.
- Necessary to plants.
- Dried dough of wheat, flour and eggs.

#### DOWN

- A long fish.
- A ridge of low mountains in Russia.
- Red.
- Fit to be eaten.
- A long bar.
- A greasy liquid.
- One only.
- Thus.

Across: 1. Europe, 2. Ere, 6. Lad.  
Down: 1. El, 2. Ural, 3. Red, 4. Edible, 7. Rod, 8. Oil, 9. An, 10. So.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Credit Corner is for boys and girls who have sent in drawings, poems and stories which deserve praise, although they have not been published.

Honourable Mention this week goes to:

Mavis May, Hong Kong; "Bella" (no name or address); Patricia Garcia, Hong Kong.

## PIGMY CARTOON



"To the devil with wage pegging—I demand an immediate decrease in my salary."—By NEB.

## Condensation from "THE REACH OF THE MIND" in Reader's Digest

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## ZBW PROMS

Starting with a light overture, to-night's "Proms Concert" from ZBW goes on to a somewhat lengthy clarinet concerto and ends with a Tchaikovsky symphony—the almost inevitable "Fifth." The latter is deservedly popular, but too many sweets sometimes occasion a tooth-ache and one rather wishes Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were given a look-in once in a while.

The overture and the concerto are linked, in a way, for Weber was a cousin of Mozart's by marriage. Weber (1786-1826, when he died of TB in London) was the great pioneer of romanticism in German opera. He seized upon the fashions of his time and developed them into something new. His style is a mixed one—so many parts Rossini, so many Second Period Beethoven in derivation and so many the popular, trivial German music of his day. His music is flashy stuff—operatic, in fact!—and makes little call on one's intellect or deeply rooted emotions. Nevertheless, he has an important place in 19th Century music, and the influence of his personality can be seen in the works of both Mendelssohn and Wagner.

The original pre-Weber form of German opera was the Singspiel, in which simple tunes are given to simple peasant types and florid tunes to florid aristocratic types. His opera "Abu Hassan"—the overture to which will be heard tonight—is a comic Singspiel and originally consisted of the overture and eight vocal numbers. It is pleasant to listen to, but is by no means within even hailing distance of his "Der Freischütz."

Mozart may be said to have established the concerto form as we know it today. Originally, the solo instrument was really just one among the many instruments of the orchestra. C.P.E. Bach saw the great possibilities that existed if one treated it as the protagonist and contrasted it with the rest of the orchestra. It took a Mozart, however, to develop Bach's hesitant and somewhat fumbling attempts and pave the way for the whole series of great concertos that have since been written.

So far as wind instruments are concerned, Mozart's horn concertos were written with tongue rather obtrusively in cheek. His concerto for the clarinet, however, was written in a serious vein, for this was his favourite instrument. Careful study of this concerto will show that it has formed the foundation for all modern clarinet playing. Unfortunately, it tends to be somewhat tedious.

Some critics put Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony higher than his Sixth, though this is hardly likely to be the verdict of the ordinary listener. These two, with the Fourth, have now achieved what one writer calls "notorious popularity." This is, perhaps, understandable, as Tchaikovsky is pre-eminently easy to listen to. He is a convenient stepping-stone for the beginner who wants to start listening to something more than Dorsey and Shaw but who finds himself somewhat lost in the depths of Brahms and Stravinsky. Tchaikovsky has none of the cold, impersonal displays of technique that Brahms loved. One can listen to his music, and feel its emotions, without having to think about it very deeply. His melodies are recognisable and appealing, his harmonies simple yet rich, and his orchestration is always brilliant to an almost glittering degree.

His Fifth Symphony is a typical example. It is exciting and the motto-theme, though it undergoes changes in both character and rhythm, appears in all four movements. The symphony is in the key of E Minor, but after the motto-theme has been heard in a spooky aspect in the third movement it triumphs in the finale in a major key to sweep the listener to an exciting and extremely powerful climax.

Footnote:—Wonder if we could hear the Second ("Little Russian") Symphony before the end of the month?

## PARRY

Friday this week sees the 100th anniversary of the birthday of (Sir Charles) Hubert Parry, and a special programme will be broadcast by the BBC at 2215 hours Hong Kong time. ZBW, unfortunately, will have to let the occasion pass in silence as, apart from "Jerusalem," there appear to be no recordings of his works available locally. Even the recent addition to ZBW's library of records presented by the British Council was deficient in this respect.

The BBC programme will feature the London Symphony Orchestra (Stanford Robinson cond.), the BBC Chorus (Leslie Woodgate, chorus-master) and Herbert Dawson at the organ. Stanford Robinson will direct the performance of Parry's "Third Symphony in C Major," Op. 64, while Woodgate will conduct the remainder of the programme, consisting of "Jerusalem," "Blest Pair of Sirens," and two of the "Songs of Farewell"—"There is an Old Belief" and "My Soul, There is a Country far beyond the Stars."

Parry may be called the founder of the modern English revival and, with Stanford, he not only helped our composers to sever themselves from the Mendelssohnian traditions but also paved the way for the great Elgar. A man of tremendous energy, he focussed his attention on uniting the two streams of English poetry and English music. He was a prolific composer, though many of his works never survived more than one performance. What did survive, though, was good and the BBC programme on Friday night is an appropriate one to do him honour.

"There is an Old Belief," incidentally, was sung at the service in October, 1918, which preceded his cremation and the placing of his ashes in the crypt of St. Paul's. "Blest Pair of Sirens" was first performed by the great Bach Choir in 1887.

## "Y" CONCERT

The European YMCA concert of gramophone music on Friday evening will consist of the following works:—

Rossini's overture to "La Scala de Seta"; Arthur Bliss's Piano Concerto (heard in last week's ZBW Proms); Mendelssohn's Nocturne and Scherzo from "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; and Handel's suite "The Faithful Shepherd" (arr. Beecham).

## BOY TREBLE

Sixteen-year-old Gerald Smith, an exceptionally fine boy treble who goes to Highgate School, London, will be heard in the BBC General Overseas Service this week. Music is his only real hobby (he has been singing since he was nine) and he plays the organ (for which he passed an examination with distinction), the piano and the violin.

Gerald will be singing three songs, one accompanied by a piano and the other two by the Westminster Players (piano, violin, cello, clarinet and flute).

He will be heard on Thursday at 1415 hours HK Time, Friday at 0630 hours and Sunday at 0915 hours.

## RECORD

Written in July, 1779 and revived by the composer three years later with the addition of a minuet and a trio, Mozart's "Symphony No. 33 in B flat" has a simple orchestral theme—oboes, horns and bassoons with the strings. This is one of the more scarcely performed of the Mozart symphonies. It is chiefly interesting in that the bassoons are independent of the basses, instead of doubling for them, which was the tendency in older or less personally expressive scores.

Columbia have issued a recording by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (cond. Herbert von Karajan). The catalogue comment says:—"There are, from day to day, so many scratch performances of various Mozartean works—well-intentioned, careful, painstaking even, but sadly heavy-handed—which somehow fail to grip you. This tone is

very different; vital, and full of light and shade, with the players giving of their best." Listeners will hardly agree with this puff. The recording is of a competent performance, but a heavy, dull one.

The symphony takes up five sides of three records. The sixth side is a recording by the same orchestra of Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" overture. This is much more pleasing, if only because Karajan has treated this not as a somewhat stolid piece of music for the concert hall but as it was really written—as an overture. The catalogue listings are LX1006-8, auto, couplings LX8568-70.

## BBC CONCERTS

There are two concerts being broadcast by the BBC at hours suitable for local listeners this week. Both are in the General Overseas Service on Wednesday.

At 2015 hours, the BBC Symphony Orchestra (Sir Adrian Boult cond.) will present two works—Beethoven's "Leonora No. 1" overture and Moeran's "Concerto for violin and orchestra." Albert Sammons will be the soloist.

Then, at 2320 hours, there is the gramophone-record-concert entitled "Forces Prom." The works to be heard this week are:—

Wagner's overture "Tannhauser" (London Philharmonic, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham).

Liszt's "Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Flat" Emil Sauer and the Paris Conservatoire Orchestra conducted by Felix Weingartner.

Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries" (London Philharmonic, conducted by Victor de Sabata).

## "SWAN LAKE"

According to a United Press message from New York, quoting a letter from Moscow, Tchaikovsky's first ballet, "Swan Lake," recently had its 500th performance in the same theatre that saw its premiere. This was the Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow, where—70 years ago—an extremely nervous, slightly enervated, 37-year-old composer watched Czarist Russia's second-best ballet perform his first dance score.

It was not until several years later that "Swan Lake" had its debut in the St. Petersburg Theatre, then recognised as Russia's best. Only then was the immortality of "Swan Lake" assured by the leading critics of the day.

The Bolshoi's "Golden Horseshoe" had been filled with frock-coated men and tiaraed women, but their appreciation was unimportant compared with the acclaim of the St. Petersburg critics.

Since that performance, the Bolshoi company has presented seven different versions of the ballet—the most famous of which, perhaps, was that by the ballet-master Gorsky at the turn of the century. The newest presentation, which had its debut in 1937, returned to the original score and has now been shown 170 times.

The "anniversary performance" starred the Stalin prize-winner, Marina Semenova, who has appeared in the role of Odette more often than any of the other modern Russian ballerinas.

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

- (1) Attempt to influence or corrupt a jury (2) Demand for a record of court proceedings for review (3) Order committing a prisoner to jail (4) Action to recover possession of personal property (5) The essence of the crime (6) Reversion of property to the state if owner dies without legal heirs.
- A period of a thousand years.
- Alexander Selkirk (1676-1721) was sailing master on a vessel which put into the Juan Fernandez islands in 1704 to rescue two men who had been stranded there. Selkirk had a quarrel with his captain and was landed with all his gear, finally being marooned there for four years. It has not been established that he and Daniel Defoe ever met.
- O. Henry.
- A billion in the British Isles is regarded as a million millions (1,000,000,000,000) but in France, some other parts of the Continent of Europe and in North America it is interpreted as equivalent to a thousand millions (1,000,000,000) only.

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## Health Page

THE MEDICAL CONTROVERSY: PRO AND CON

### Happiness Crusade?

By DR. SOMERVILLE HASTINGS

The National Health Service Act will provide for the people of this country the best health service that the world has ever known.

It cannot come into full operation all at once, for many more hospitals are required and health centres have yet to be built. More doctors, nurses, and especially dentists are also needed.

What it will do, however, is to permit of the best use being made of the resources that we have, and others will be added according to plan, and not merely haphazard as in the past.

Moreover, the services will be free to all who need them, being paid for through rates, taxes, and insurance contributions.

Most of the people who will make use of these services appear to be quite well satisfied, but the doctors who will help to provide them seem less enthusiastic.

So far the doctors have been critical of any scheme for a national health service that has been suggested, including that of the Coalition Government.

The B.M.A. was quite ready to permit the State to pay for the treatment of those who could afford only small fees or none at all.

It was also prepared to advocate the extension of the "panel" to the wives and dependants of the insured provided the doctors were left free to make their own charges to the better-off.

But when the Government decided to accept the Beveridge proposals and provide a universal insurance scheme of which a national health service is an essential part, it became clear that, as all were involved and had to contribute, none could be legitimately excluded from the health provisions.

The Government therefore felt compelled to accept responsibility for such a health service and set about to devise a scheme that would provide for the public needs and at the same time satisfy the desires and prejudices of the medical profession.

The doctors asked to be permitted to combine public and private practice, and this was agreed; they demanded free choice of doctor, and this was accepted; they objected to taking service under existing local authorities, and two bodies with appointed members were created. In no other service has such power in moulding and direction been given to those engaged.

But the doctors are still not satisfied. They say that what they desire above all else is professional freedom—freedom to do the very best they know for each individual patient—and were it clear that this was their only aim they would have the support of all right-minded people.

But what they are actually demanding is something very different. They object that in addition to a capitation payment a basic salary of £300 is to be paid to make it easier for the young doctor to start in practice.

One would have imagined that this would have increased professional freedom.

Moreover, we cannot forget that the B.M.A. Planning Commission in 1942 recommended that the remuneration of the general practitioners should consist of a basic salary and capitation fees, plus payment for other services.

The doctors ask that the sale and purchase of practices shall be retained. But how can it be in the public interest and how can professional freedom be increased by the outgoing holder of a public appointment having the sole right to nominate his successor, his selection being determined by the amount of money that can be put up?

The doctors also demand that all who join the public service shall be allowed to settle wherever they like. Those already in practice will, of course, be permitted to remain where they are.

But surely it is in the public interest that, while choice of all areas where there are insufficient doctors is given to new entrants, the needs of under-doctored regions should first be satisfied.

Unfortunately, some of the doctors appear to be unready to co-operate with the Minister for the benefit of the 45 millions who will be affected by the Act.

The doctors' word has been regarded as law in medical matters by their patients—and rightly so—for so long that they have come to regard themselves almost as a privileged class.

The National Health Services Act is a compromise—an attempt to get the best out of all worlds—the vision of a planned economy of the Labour Party in which the best is at the service of all, and also the direct personal relationship between doctor and patient so rightly stressed by the profession.

Of course, it fully pleases no one. Nevertheless, given good will on all sides, a real improvement in national health and well-being must result.

## MEDICINE IN CHAINS?

By Dr. CHARLES HILL

Secretary of the British Medical Association

There is both agreement and disagreement about the National Health Service Act.

First, the field of agreement. The doctors welcome a comprehensive health service available to every citizen; in hospital, in the consulting room, and at home. They want the people to have it, adding a warning that all that will be available on the appointed day is what is here now. Acts don't create doctors and nurses and beds.

The doctors welcome, for example, the creation of a national hospital service marrying together council and voluntary hospitals and the organisation of hospitals in large units over large areas.

They believe in social security, for every day they, of all people, come up against the evil results of insecurity.

The ideal of a fine service available to everyone was theirs even before Governments got interested.

Now for disagreement. Some of the means to the agreed end are in dispute.

At bottom, the main issue is that the doctors believe that it would be bad for you and bad for them if they were to become salaried servants of the State. The doctor must remain your doctor, responsible to you, free to act according to his conscience in advice, in treatment, and in certification.

Doctors believe that some of the sections of these Acts take them nearer to becoming State servants.

Why do they believe this? First, it is the published policy of the party in power. Mr. Arthur Greenwood confirmed in 1945 that the policy, published in 1945 is still Labour Party policy.

When Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, was asked whether it was his intention, his answer was: "There is all the difference in the world between plucking fruit when it is ripe and plucking it when it is green."

The doctors don't want to ripen as State servants but to remain as your servants. The doctors want to continue to own their own practices.

They want to be free to choose the area in which they will practice in a comprehensive service without having to ask the permission of a Government committee.

They want to be paid, not by salary, but in proportion to the number of people who choose them.

They recognise that some doctors in some circumstances will need salaries or guaranteed minimum remuneration.

But the Minister of Health wants every family doctor to be paid partly by salary. He has the power to change the proportion which is salary, even making all remuneration salary, merely by regulation.

Naturally, the doctors believe that this is a big step towards making them State servants.

The service you want can be provided without making them State servants. The doctors think that it will be a better service if they remain an independent profession in contract with the State rather than just a salaried branch of government.

Mr. Key told the House of Commons in 1945 that whole-time salaried service is inconsistent with free choice of doctor. The doctors want you to have free choice of family doctor.

For a year the doctors' representatives have been in discussion with the representatives of the Minister examining the Acts line by line. At the end the Minister stands where he stood and the doctors came away with nothing.

Fortunately, the Acts give them the right to decide whether or not to enter the service. That is what the doctors are now doing.

By a plebiscite they are deciding as a body whether or not they are in favour of entering the service.

If they decide against entering it will not be because they are opposed to a national health service; it will be because they want certain changes made.

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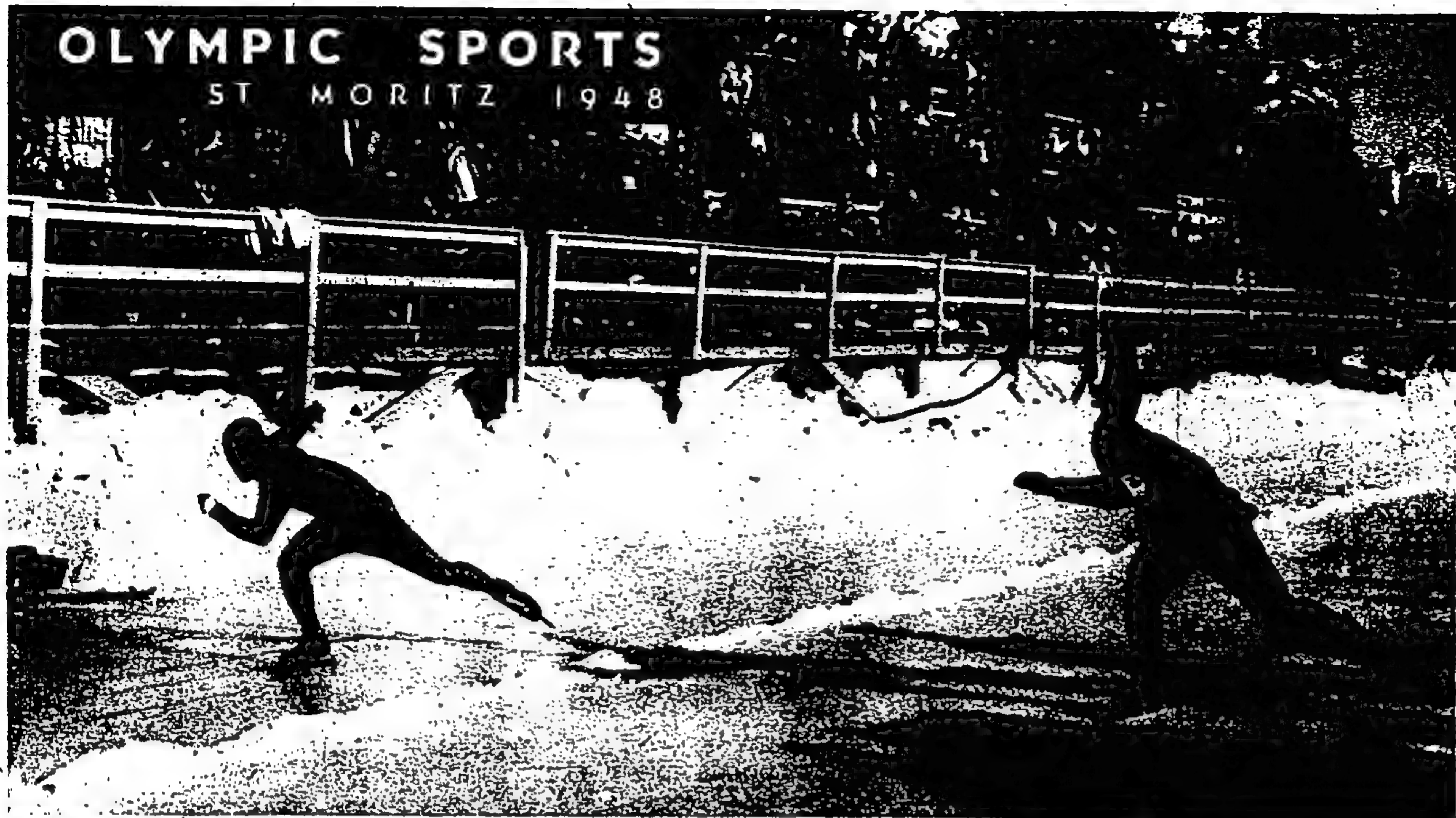
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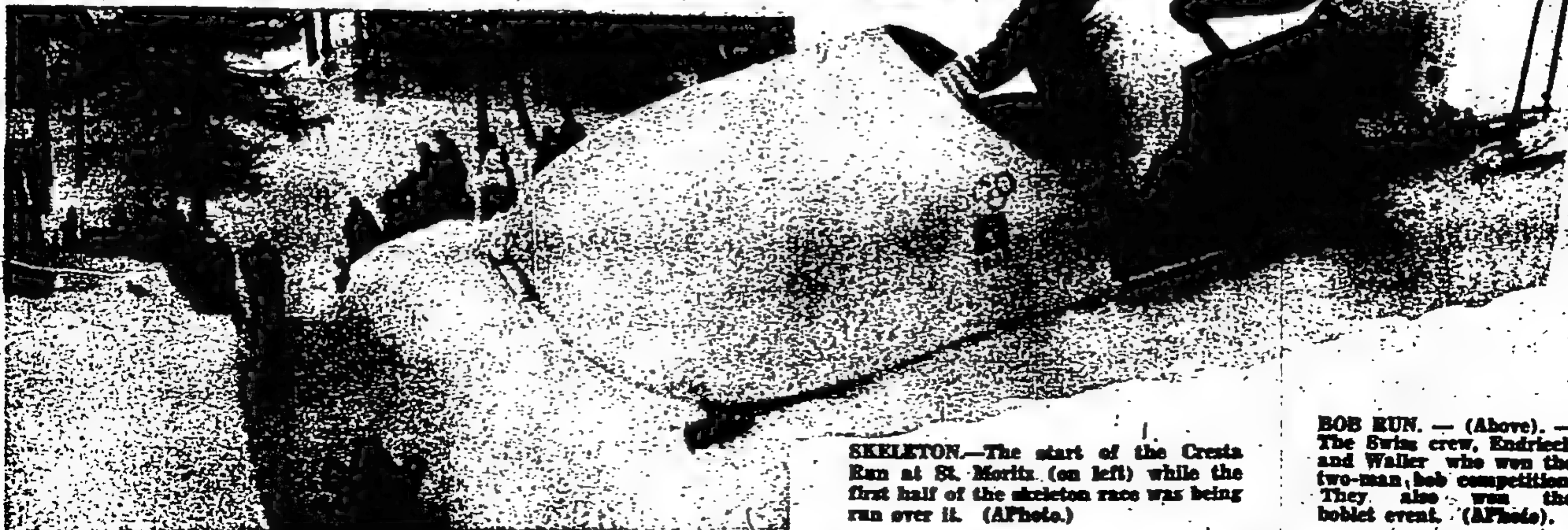
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**SPEED.** — Hijo Chang Lee (left of Korea and A. Hukkes, of Holland, competing in the 500 metres Olympic speed skating. (APhoto).

**DOWN BUT NOT OUT.** — Sheena Mackintosh (Britain) comes to grief in the downhill ski race, but it does not disturb her enjoyment. (APhoto).



**SKELETON.** — The start of the Cresta Run at St. Moritz (on left) while the first half of the skeleton race was being run over it. (APhoto).

**BOB RUN.** — (Above). — The Swiss crew, Endriech and Waller who won the two-man, bob competition. They also won the bobslet event. (APhoto).



**DINNER.**—The Hon. Arthur Morse (left) and Mr. S. K. Tan representing the Shanghai team, addressing the guests at the Interport Dinner on Saturday. (Francis Wu).



**DINNER.**—A general view of the Hong Kong Hotel, where the Interport Dinner was held on Saturday last. (China Mail photo).

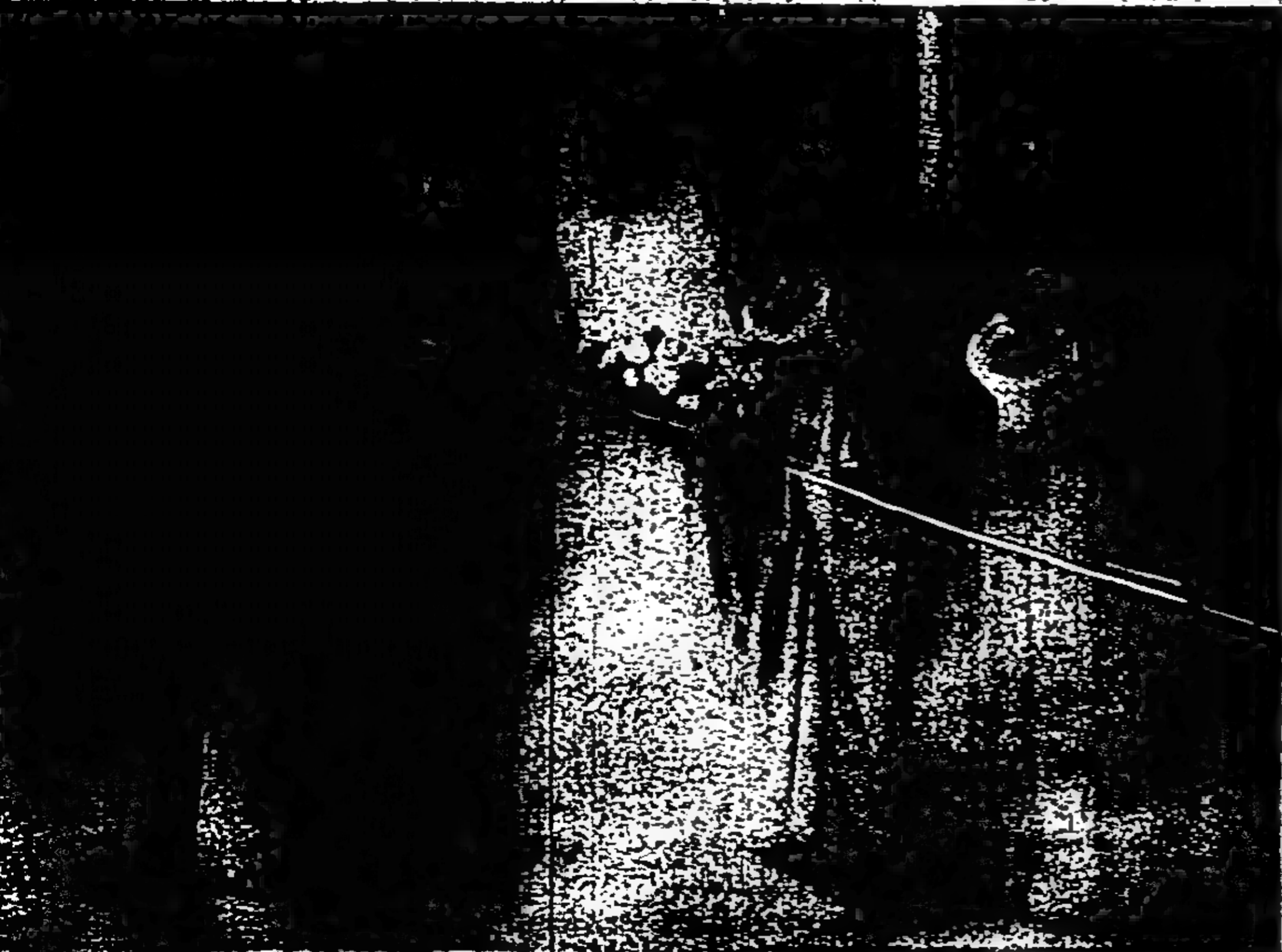


**WEDDING.**—Mr. T. A. (Alec) Pearce and his bride, the former Miss Nina Quinn, after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral. (China Mail photo).



**MARRIED.**—Mr. William Lam and Miss Tse Wal-shaw, who were married at the Chin Shun Wu Christian Church recently. (MacLennan Studios).

**BONNAY CHURCH.**—Mr. David Paulie and Miss Irene Keadel, who were married on February 8, are shown with Mr. Frank Simard, best man, and the Misses Sharkey, bridesmaids. (Foto Studio).



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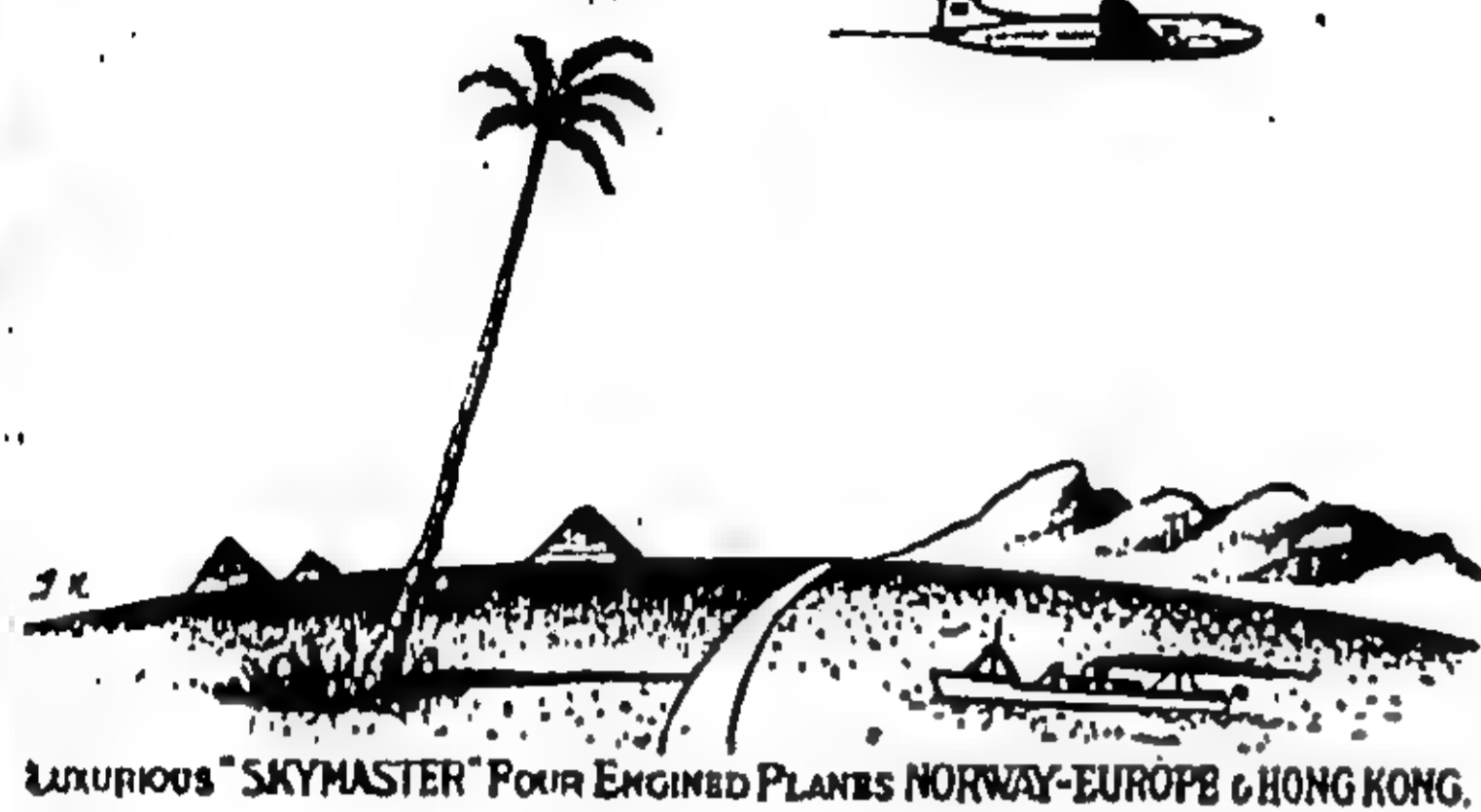
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# CZECH CABINET CRISIS

## Resignation Of Eight Non-Communist

Frague, Feb. 20.

An early dissolution of the Czechoslovak Constituent Assembly and the election of a new Parliament was expected here tonight following the resignation of eight non-Communist Ministers in the 19-month old Coalition Cabinet.

M. Klement, Gottwald, Czechoslovakia's Communist Premier, was expected to offer the resignation of his five-party Coalition Cabinet when he reports to Dr. Benes, the President, on the resignation of the other Ministers—three members of Dr. Benes' Czech Socialist Party, three People's Party members; and two Slovak Democrats.

The Cabinet would then be asked to remain in office until a general election is held.

The first to resign today were the three Czech Socialists—Dr. Peter Zenkl, Vice-Premier, Professor Jaroslav Stránský and Dr. Prokop Drtina, Minister of Justice.

Then the three People's Party members—M. František Halá (Posts) and Telegraphs, M. Adolf Procházka (Health) and Monsignor Jan Šrámek, a Vice-Premier, handed their resignations to M. Gottwald.

Explaining their resignations in a letter to President Benes, they said that some officials, especially in the police, disregarded the laws and Government decisions.

The People's Party executive in an official statement expressed regret at being forced to conclude that it was not possible to go on working in a Government which did not respect its own decisions. It added, however, that the party believes in the necessity of co-operation between all the parties in the Government Coalition.

The resignations have not been officially announced, though they will be reported in tomorrow's newspapers, but the Czechoslovak news agency reported that the Cabinet meeting, expected today, was not held because the Czech Socialist and Slovak Democrat (Catholic Conservative) Ministers did not arrive for it.

The Cabinet was to have met in an effort to compose its differences in the light of warning from the President of the Republic that a resignation would mean a dissolution and elections earlier than those due to take place in the spring.

### "Bolshevisation"

M. Gottwald had promised at a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday that the Communist Minister of the Interior would answer at today's meeting charges by some of his colleagues of alleged "bolshevisation" of public posts.

Between them, the Communists and Social Democrats have 150 seats in Parliament and the two Slovak Labour Party members usually vote with them. The remaining parties hold 148 seats.

The resignation of two more Ministers from the Czech Coalition Government—making eight in all who resigned during the day—was officially confirmed tonight.

The latest to resign are two Slovak Democratic Party (Catholic Conservative) members: M. Stephen Kovara, Vice-Premier, and M. Ivan Pletor, Transport Minister. They joined the three members of the Czech Socialist Party of President Benes and the three members of the People's Party who had resigned earlier in the day.

Observers here believed that in the present position, the Communists might be ready to form a purely Marxist Cabinet. A Cabinet of the Left, including Social Democrats, would command a majority in Parliament of only a small one, but according to some sources, the Social Democrats

leadership is unwilling to participate.

### Manifesto

A Communist Party manifesto on the Cabinet crisis, broadcast by Prague Radio tonight, said: "National Socialists, Czech Socialists and the Slovak Democrats formed an anti-social bloc against the People's Front and decided to sabotage the Government's programme and achievements. In order to wreck the Cabinet their Ministers have resigned."

"All Socialists must take the side of the People's Front and mobilise all forces to save the Government of Klement Gottwald and friendship with the USSR and other Slav countries. Peasants, workmen and democrats. Join the People's Front to back the Government of Klement Gottwald."

### A Plot

London, Feb. 20.  
The discovery of a plot to carry out an armed coup in Czech-

## Opposition To Rent Adjustment

Shanghai, Feb. 21.

Considerable opposition among the general public has been aroused over the Shanghai Municipal resolution passed yesterday providing that rentals for local residential houses be based on the cost of living.

The new rental adjustment—which is expected to be promulgated after approval by the City Council at the forthcoming meeting—will create "chain reaction" in China's run-away inflation and produce a spiralling index several months later, according to informed circles quoted by the "China Press."

## Sarawak Petition

Singapore, Feb. 20.

Fifteen native organisations have petitioned His Majesty King George VI to restore Sarawak as an independent Kingdom under the rule of white rajahs.

Sarawak, a land of 50,000 square miles on the north-west coast of Borneo, was ceded to Britain two years ago by Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, last of the "White Rajahs." The petition, it was learned today, was forwarded to London from Kuching on Feb. 10.—Associated Press.

### "Vicious Circle"

"It is not a question whether landlords or tenants are losing or gaining. It is chain reaction on the living index that should be guarded against," one statistician said.

"It is obvious that landlords have not been getting what they ought to," but this is no time to lead everything into the index because the more items we link to the index the faster the index will move.

"It is like chasing one's own tail: the faster you go after it, the faster it leaves you. Some people still don't understand the meaning of 'vicious circle'." —Reuter.

## COMMUNISM SPREADING?

Berlin, Feb. 20.

The official Soviet newspaper, "Pravda," commenting on the 19th anniversary of the Communist manifesto, said today that Communism is spreading throughout the world.

The newspaper claimed that in France and Italy strongest and the most influential of any political party. The paper added:

"The authority of the Communists in mass organisation is continuously growing. A hundred years have passed since the Communist manifesto was proclaimed but it is just as active as if it had been announced only yesterday." —United Press.

Slovakia was announced tonight in a joint statement by M. Václav Nosek, the Czech Minister of the Interior, and General Ludvík Svoboda, the Minister of Defence, Prague Radio reported tonight.

The two Ministers said they discovered the plot in the past week, while investigating allegations made in the Czechoslovak Socialist newspaper "Svobodné Slovo" that "anti-State elements" held offices in the Government.

The plot was said to have been organised by adherents of General Prechala, who was deprived of his rank in 1945 after opposing the exile Czechoslovak Government in England during the war.—Reuter.

## Baby Born Without A Mouth

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Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 21.

A tiny baby girl, born without an opening in its mouth, has a chance to live normally.

The Fayette County Medical Society, which describes the case as the first in medical history, has made public details of two operations performed on the infant by a dental surgeon.

The baby, weighing only 4 lb., was born prematurely in a rural Smithfield, Pa. home on Jan. 20. Its mouth was sealed. The lower and upper jaws were grown tightly together.

Feeding was done by a tube through the nostrils. X-ray examinations showed the lower jaw was much too small and had grown to the roof of the mouth. There were no joints by which it might swing.

Doctors at Uniontown hospital, where the child was removed, named the condition "congenital Atresia."

Feeling there was no other hope, the dental surgeon operated two days after the infant's birth and again, three days later.

In the first surgery, the upper and lower jaws were separated and the tongue freed. The lower jaw was manipulated into proper position. The second operation removed excess tissue and completely freed the jaw.

The little girl, who now weighs 4lb. 5oz., now is able to move her jaws, cry and nurse with a special nipple fashioned somewhat like a rubber medicine dropper.

"With purely routine treatment consisting of mechanical manipulation as an aid to the undeveloped jaw, recovery is expected to be hastened," the Medical Society reported.—Associated Press.

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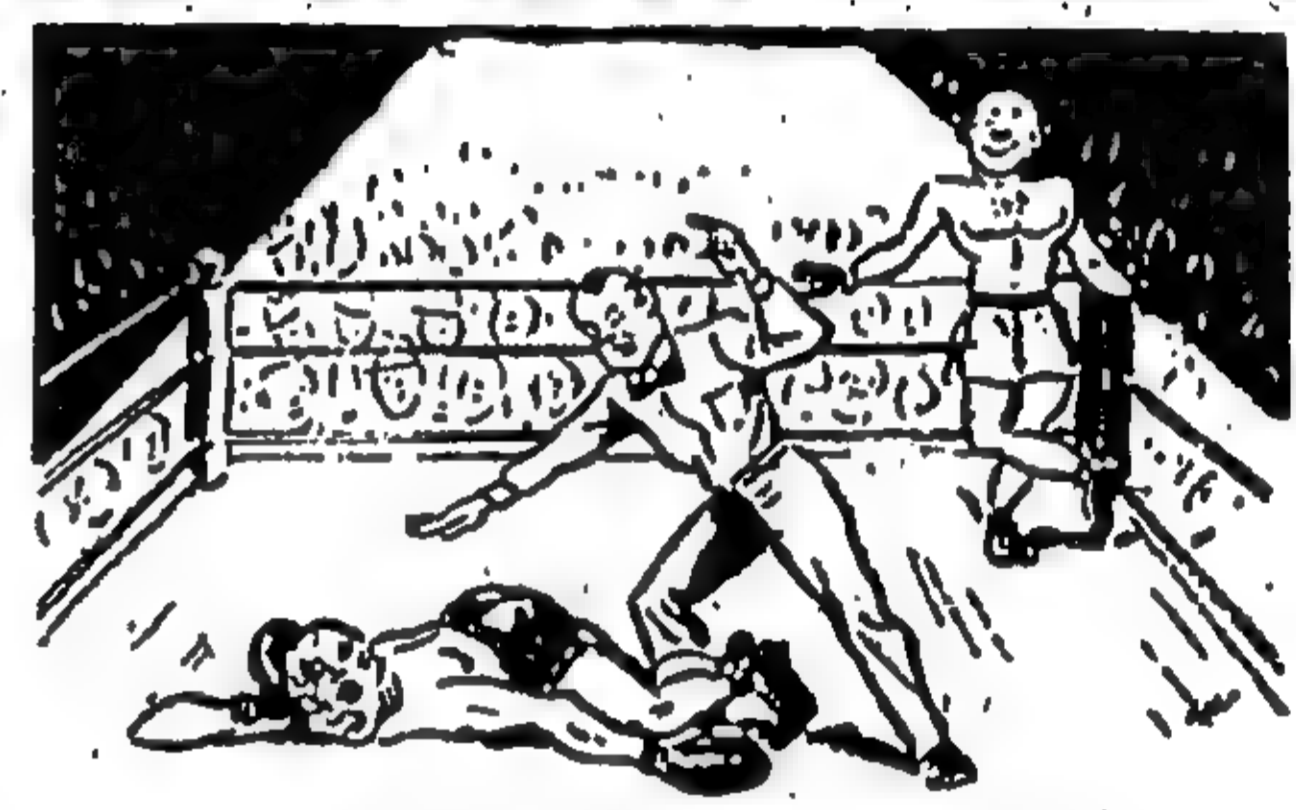
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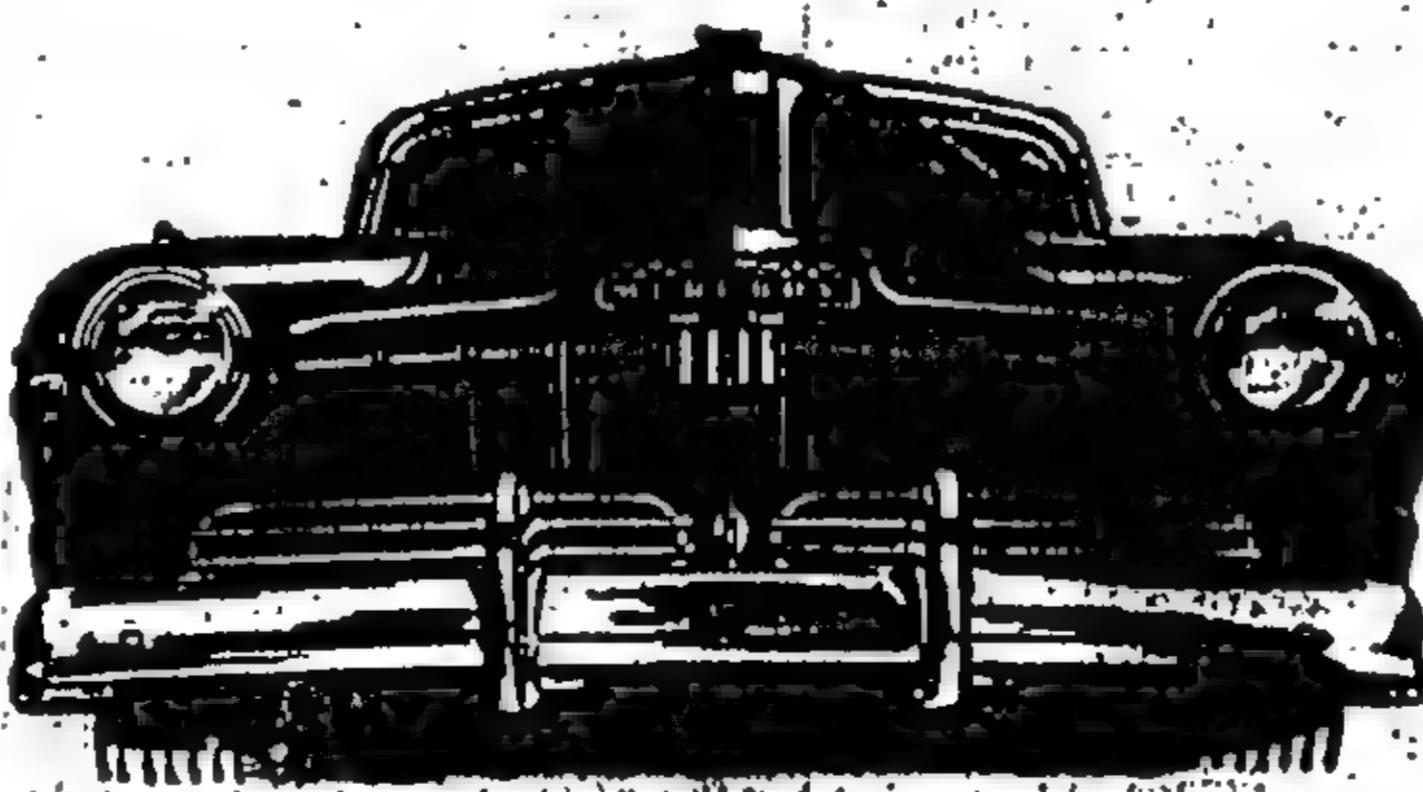
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## Russia 'Attacks' Alabama!

Lake Success, Feb. 20.  
A Russian delegate told the United Nations today that an Alabama Russian can legally beat an erring wife with a club not more than two inches thick.

He was rebuked by the United States and accused of bringing up irrelevant questions.

A. P. Borisev volunteered the statement in the Social Committee of the UN Economic and Social Council.

Borisev read a note on what he said was an Alabama law concerning wife beating, and then asked: "If this situation exists here, what goes on in the colonies?"

Borisev's statement was termed "entirely false" by Alabama Attorney General Albert Carmichael.—Associated Press.

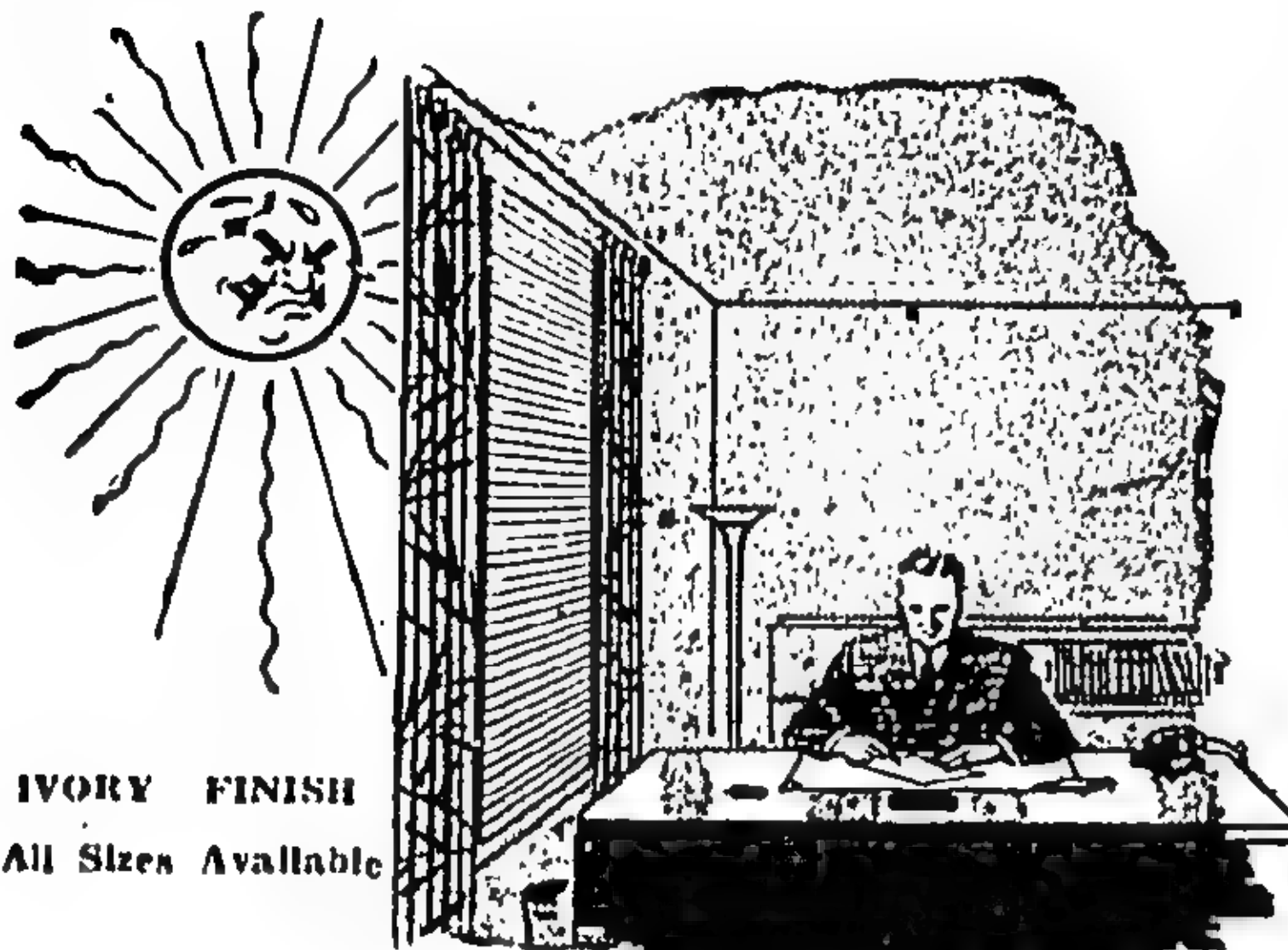
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# TRUMAN REPORT TO CONGRESS

## UNO Making Headway Despite Russia

Washington, Feb. 20.

President Harry Truman said today that Russia's refusal to carry out United Nations decisions has raised a "disturbing" new problem. But despite the failure of the Soviet Union and its satellites to cooperate, "the United Nations is making headway," he told Congress. "The strengthening of the United Nations continues to be a cornerstone of the foreign policy of the U.S.," he added.

Mr. Truman outlined his views in a 369-page report on the work of the world agency during the year 1947. The report had been given first to the President by the Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Marshall said "the record offers no basis for complacency" but also "no basis for pessimism."

"Some of the accomplishments noted in the report," he wrote, "were made despite the intransigence of a numerically small minority, which has extended to a refusal to carry out certain major recommendations."

In their formal letters of transmittal, neither the President nor Marshall referred to the Russian bloc of nations by name. The body of the report, however, spells out in great detail the record of how:

### The Record

1—Russia and Poland refused to take part in the UN watching commission in Greece.

2—The Soviet Union refused to agree on the UN Commission to unify Korea.

3—The whole Slav group rejected the majority decision of the UN Assembly creating a year round "Little Assembly."

The document relates many other instances of the clash between East and West. These include the persistent dispute over the veto issue in the Security Council and the row touched off by Russia's "warmonger" attack on the United States at the Assembly meeting last year.

Disappointments were "especially true" in regard to the establishment of international control of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, and to various political, economic and other problems that directly or indirectly affect progress toward the attaining of international security," President Truman said.

Mr. Marshall said the United Nations record "is a solid contribution to life, a peaceful and durable world order."

The United Nations record offers "no basis for complacency" but no basis for pessimism which would unrealistically ignore the range of agreement which has been reached. "Absence of unanimity in reaching decisions is not necessarily fatal," Mr. Marshall asserted.

Republicans attacked the Republican party policies and blamed most of America's economic ills on Republican leaders.

Briefly, he turned to foreign affairs and said "billions of dollars were lent to foreign countries after the First World War and a vigorous foreign trade developed.... but those in control then proceeded to erect high tariff barriers that prevented these countries from paying back our loans by shipping us their products."

"The inevitable result was our foreign loans and investments went down the drain and our flourishing foreign trade was cut down in its prime. We had the worst depression in history."

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## Canadian Documents On H.K.

Ottawa, Feb. 20. Britain has taken exception to the proposed publication by the Canadian Government of documents on the fall of Mackenzie King, told the House of Commons here today. The Progressive Conservative opposition has been pressing to have the documents made public. Several days ago, Mr. Mackenzie King announced that he would consult the British Government to see if they had any objection to such publication.

He said today that the British Government objected to certain documents and added that he would like to show Britain's cablegram reply to the Opposition leader, Mr. John Bracken, before making any further announcement. —Reuter.

## Saar Agreement Announced

Berlin, Feb. 20.

British, French and American experts, meeting in Berlin, have reached agreement on the three major issues raised by the economic attachment of the Saar to France, the United States Military Government announced today.

A settlement of outstanding questions was reached on Saar coal, the French share of reparations and trade between the Saar and the joint Anglo-American area, the announcement said.

News of the three-power agreement came as the three governments prepared to meet in London on Monday to discuss a tripartite agreement for Western Germany.

The removal of Saar coal from the German pool will be effected as previously announced in a progressive scale ending on April 1, 1949.

The European coal committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at Geneva has been notified by the three governments of their agreement.

Experts have jointly calculated the amount which should be taken from the French share of reparations in capital equipment to allow for the separation of the Saar from the German economy. The Inter-Allied Reparations Agency in Brussels will be informed of these agreed conclusions.

The agreement provided that from April 1 trade between the Saar and Western Germany would be treated as foreign trade but the decreasing quantity would deliver to Germany would be paid for in marks as in the past.

Commercial relations between the French occupation zone and the British and American zones had been reviewed and the trade agreements in force would be revised in the light of the new situation.

A joint commission would be set up to follow periodically the developments of trade exchanges during 1948, which would continue in marks. —Reuter.

## Soviet Charges Are "Tiresome"

Berlin, Feb. 20.

At today's Allied Control Council Meeting, General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor of Germany, described as "tiresome" the repeated Soviet charges of delay in demilitarisation.

The Western delegates at today's meeting — General Pierre Koenig (France), Lieutenant General H.C.D. Brownjohn, substituting for General Sir Brian Robertson (Britain) and General Clay — said the four-power inspection in principle had not been rejected. Only the plan put forward at a previous meeting by Marshal Sokolovsky had been turned down.

They had rejected the plan because of Soviet accusations in its preamble. General Clay said today, in a statement with which the British and French Military Governors associated themselves, that he was not disposed to discuss a document containing accusations such as those in the Soviet plan.

"We hear constant rumours of ship construction in places like Rostock, of uranium mining in Saxony and of questionable war equipment being produced in the Soviet Zone," General Clay said.

Though these were only rumours, he declared, they were helping to destroy four-power confidence and it would be a good thing to clear them up. —Reuter.

## CIO To Oppose Wallace

Washington, Feb. 20.

The Congress of Industrial Organizations today ordered Harry Bridges to oppose Henry Wallace's bid for President or quite the CIO staff.

The move against the West coast labor leader is the latest in CIO President Philip Murray's drive to keep the CIO solidly against Wallace and in favor of the Marshall Plan for European recovery. Bridges and some other CIO officials, whose unions include about a sixth of the CIO's 6,000,000 members, have indicated support for Wallace's third party and opposition to the aid programme. —Associated Press.

## Bulgaria 'Committed Murder'

Ankara, Feb. 20.

The Bulgarians "committed murder" in shooting down two Turkish "splitfires" on Feb. 9, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Necmettin Sadak, declared in a speech today before the National Assembly.

The planes, he said, had lost their way and were circling in land in compliance with signalled orders when a Coast Guard battery opened fire. One plane plunged into the sea, killing the pilot. The other crash-landed, injuring the pilot.

"The Bulgarian guards who fired on our planes committed murder," Sadak said.

This action, he continued, is not only contrary to good neighbourliness, but also to human and civilised feelings.

Sadak stated that a Turkish protest was being delivered at the Bulgarian Foreign Office in Sofia today demanding the return of Lieut. Polat Yurk, the surviving pilot, the return of his plane and punishment for the personnel of the battery which opened fire. —Associated Press.

## TRUMAN ON A TOUR

Washington, Feb. 20.

President Truman left by plane today on a 15-day trip to Florida, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Cuba. His first stop is Boca Chica Air port near the Key West, Florida, submarine base where he will spend the night.

Asked whether he had anything to say before starting his tour of the West Indies, the President replied: "I am just as happy as I can be." —Reuter.

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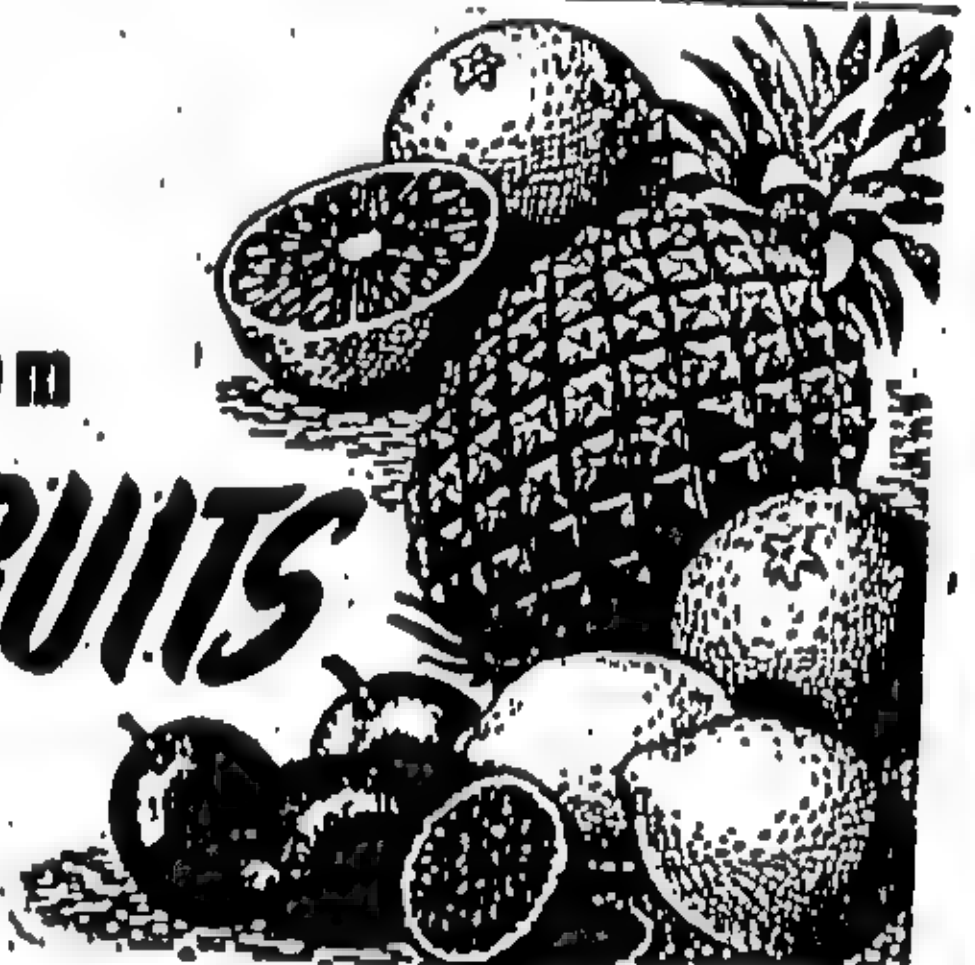
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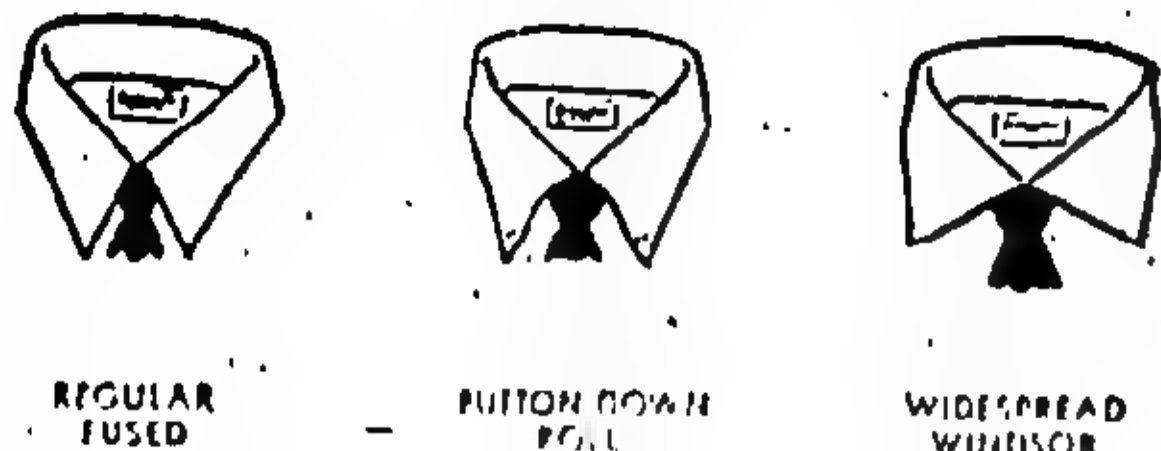
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## THE EMPIRE AND THE U.S. SLUMP

# We'll Get More For Less

.....Unless.....

By L.D. Williams

To ask whether the slump in American commodity prices is an advantage to Britain is rather like asking a keen gardener whether the rain he is watching is good for his garden.

The answer is that the rain is good, but if it turns into a flood it will be bad.

So far, the fall in U.S. prices of wheat, maize, meat, cotton, and the rest is welcome. It is what the world has been awaiting for the past two years.

Inflated prices like \$3 a bushel for wheat—nearly three times pre-war—were fantastic.

They were the outcome of the "manufactured prosperity" which Mr. Joseph Dodge, the American banker, says "can't last."

### Closing The Gap

The break has been caused largely by the bigger supplies of wheat to be expected mainly because of the splendid condition of European crops of winter wheat helped by the new weather.

Being a key commodity, wheat has also set the tone for other products.

As prices come down it will help to narrow the gap in our balance of payments which, as Sir Stafford Cripps said only recently, has been greatly widened by the high cost of our imports.

Lower commodity prices will also make any Marshall aid we may get more valuable to us, since we shall get more goods for our money.

Falling markets, like rising ones, are contagious. The influence of cheaper goods in America, therefore, should reduce the cost of products we buy from other countries.

The cost of living here will be stabilised and may even fall, putting a natural stop to the ruinous wage-cost-of-living spiral of inflation.

### Avoiding a Slump

But we must not expect this to happen all at once. In fact, some of the bulk-buying contracts which the Government has made will run on for years.

With Denmark our bacon, eggs and sugar contracts expire in 1949. Our meat, butter, and cheese contracts with New Zealand run to 1950.

The Australian meat contract expires next September and butter and cheese in July.

So far, the U.S. market action could be described as "healthy shakeout," and a further levelling down would hold advantages to the rest of the world.

Many people, however, remember that the great 1929 boom was first broken by a slump in grain prices which led to a collapse in commodity and stock markets generally and a widespread credit crisis.

Economic depression spread through the world and lasted well into the '30's.

Are we facing another 1929? Is this to be the sequence of the present break in U.S. prices?

If so, we should certainly have to modify our views of the advantages to Britain.

We do not wish to see America and the rest of the world, having escaped further "inflation," slide into an uncontrolled downward spiral of "deflation."

What could happen is that farmers and primary producers, like cotton and tobacco growers, who receive less for their produce, would be unable to buy so much in the shops.

These would become overstocked and retailers would be

der less from manufacturers, who, in turn, would cut production and lay off workpeople.

### Changing Opinion

The lessened purchasing power of the unemployed would reduce output in other trades, and so the slump would spread.

If Americans then tightened their purse-strings and refused to buy from abroad—and if American exporters pressed their goods for sale in world markets—we are the rest of Europe would find it still more difficult to reach our "export target" for to get dollars, American opinion might even change round and turn against giving large sums in Marshall aid.

So we do not want the drop in American prices to go too far, but not a slump, a "recession," but not a slump.

A shower, but not a deluge. First direct benefits of the U.S. prices slide go to Lancashire.

The 50s, a bale fall in cotton will be passed on to the Lancashire cotton industry within

a few days, which should mean that Lancashire will be able to lower prices and sell more abroad.

Lancashire inserts the word "should" because, obstinately, Egyptian raw cotton is still rising, but the cotton men say that if the U.S. price fall stays the Egyptian price will have to come down.

In the other falls—wheat, beef, bacon, eggs—we don't stand to benefit directly.

### Affected Goods

Since last autumn, when Sir Stafford Cripps ordered drastic cuts in our food purchases from the U.S., the convoys of foodships across the Atlantic have dwindled rapidly.

The Americans are still sending some food supplies under contracts made before the Cripps veto, but by this week they were down to a trickle.

British purchases in the U.S. are now confined to essential machinery and timber, and so far those items, which are running us a heavy monthly

bill, have not been affected by the price slump.

But the men in Whitehall who hold the purse-strings for Britain's bulk buying are excited at the prospect of the U.S. falls affecting prices all over the world.

And the buyers we still have in the U.S.—many of them stayed on even though we stopped buying—have been alerted to be ready to jump in and negotiate new contracts at favourable prices.

They will have to be favourable. After the Cripps veto, Sir Wilfrid Eady, Treasury expert who holds the master purse-strings, passed out strict orders to the buying Ministries: "Direct your buyers not to spend hard currency, chiefly U.S. dollars, if they can possibly avoid it."

Those orders still stand. In foodstuffs they have been carried out by more buying from the Empire (more wheat from Australia, for instance) and more items from self-sufficiency countries (lemons from Italy, oranges from Palestine).

Extra bacon and eggs we are trying to get from Denmark. But if the U.S. prices for beef, pork, bacon, eggs fall much lower it will pay us to restart food shopping there, because many of the countries to which we have turned want dollars for what they send us.

## TOJO Japan's forgotten man has staged a surprising—and dangerous—comeback

(By RICHARD HUGHES)  
Our Tokyo Correspondent

First time I saw General Hideki Tojo was on the night of September 28, 1940, when he swaggered into the Imperial Hotel to toast the Tripartite Pact, announced the day before, with his Nazi plotters.

General Tojo, granite-jawed and stupid, the alleged German ambassador, Dr. Heinrich Stahmer, lofty-browed and subtle, Hitler's personal envoy to Japan, and General Tojo, bald-headed and arrogant, Hirohito's latest war minister, clinked champagne glasses triumphantly, gave the Nazi salute and exulted in their success.

Today, after five years of war that shook the Far East, and two years of tedious ordeal in the war criminals' dock, Tojo has preceptibly aged and shrunk.

In some strange fashion, he even appears physically older than when he celebrated seven years ago.

The Rasping Voice

But he carried himself as jauntily as ever, the fire of his vigorous personality has not dimmed, and his burning defiance and inflexible resolution under fire in the witness-box stamp him unmistakably as a strong man of the two dozen mixed prisoners in the dock.

The other prisoners have suddenly become an anonymous three-tiered row of yellow faces, flinching impassively to their natural leader and spokesman as he defends and seeks cynical ally to justify, with rasping barrack-square voice, the bloody crimes and black perjuries of planned Asiatic aggression.

As the only Nazi Axis dictator to face an Allied tribunal, Tojo, with oriental fatalism, welcomes what appears to be



colleagues and his country before himself. He welcomes the death penalty which, he insists, he deserves—not because he waged a war, but because he lost a war. He is at once a peculiarly Japanese amalgam of humility and pride, resignation and defiance.

Unfortunately, he has been helped by the deficiencies in the prosecution.

There are in Tokyo none of the legal Titans who hammered the Nazis at Nuremberg, Joseph C. Keenan, who leads, is a gracious fellow and a good American corporation lawyer, but his best friends would hardly claim that he shines in hard, relentless cross-examination.

Tojo is faintly mocking and even satirical as he evades his questions, tantalises him, leads him into side-issues, ambushes him in the obscurities and ambiguities of the baffling Japanese language.

It becomes depressingly evident, in fact, that the original purpose of the trial, admirable in theory, has miscarried, and is liable to recoil against the occupation.

Exultant Martyr

Our unwieldy legal tribunal, at first bewildering to the Japanese, then incomprehensible, latterly merely tedious, has now become a vehicle for the promotion of the very forces which we sought to destroy.

Perhaps, on a long-range oriental view, Hideki Tojo, defying the tribunal and welcoming its death sentence, has more justification for his present exultation than he had on that night, seven long years ago, when he toasted the fact that made the Pacific war certain.

In his affidavit, and in his evidence and cross-examination he appears now as a noble Samurai here.

He defends his Emperor, his

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# People Worth Talking To?

In a recent Public Opinion poll your name is included among those of persons in British history whom people would like to meet. Who in history would you like to meet, excluding philosophers?

I'm interested in human beings who rise palpably above the normal human stature in such matters as power of intellect and power of controlling their passions and emotions.

High among these I would put Julius Caesar, who, though one of the world's greatest generals, was greater off the battlefield than on it.

He was an all-rounder; on the bodily side a great athlete and a great lover, on the mental possessed of a matchless memory, an ability to do several things at once, an astonishing power of intuition, great personal charm, which enabled him to win to himself anybody whom he happened to meet, above all, the power of bringing all his faculties to a focus and concentrating them on whatever had to be done at the moment.

He seems to have been above the baser human passions—he could forgive, he was merciful, he did not sulk or bear resentment, or take offence at slights and injuries; in other words, he was at the farthest remove from the animal, the childish, and the feminine.

### Our Passions Are Too Weak

As to self-control, most of us manage it not because our powers of restraint are strong, but because our passions are weak. Caesar's were strong.

Now I am interested in anybody who shows evidence of being immune from or master of

the ordinary human interests and weaknesses. I should like, then, to have met Diogenes, who lived in a tub, and when Alexander, then conqueror of the world, came to see him and asked him what boon he, Alexander, could confer upon him, replied that Alexander was standing in his light and he wished he would get out of it.

I have a converse interest—I don't defend it—in anybody, who falls below the normal human stature of virtue; that is, say, in persons who are excessively wicked.

Now I think cruelly of the worst of the sins, and I would like, therefore, an opportunity of observing—it might be dangerous to talk to—some human monster, selecting for choice Ivan the Terrible of Russia, a homicidal and sadistic maniac with absolute powers.

Dozens of people by his order were impaled, roasted, racked, flayed, torn to death by bears, and beaten to death with the knout; torture was his hobby.

On one occasion he caused the inhabitants of Novgorod to be tortured to death at the rate of a thousand a day, and could not resist being there to see it done.

I should have a curious interest in observing, even in talking to, such a man, precisely because in him there is raised to the nth degree passions which exist in all of us.

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If I may bring in living people, should like to talk to Shaw. Indeed, I have often done so—who seems to me the greatest man of our time. Shaw's conversation is entrancing; it isn't a conversation but a monologue, since he talks all the time, but one doesn't mind, because it is Shaw.

### The Producer Of Happiness

Another living person whom I would like to meet is Charles Chaplin. As Ivan the Terrible was the greatest producer of misery, so Chaplin seems to me to be the greatest producer of happiness, not only in our own but in any time.

He is, it is obvious, more than a comedian; there is something in him, a power of voicing the needs and representing the aspirations of the "little man" which goes straight to the heart, that we are failures and that it is the kind of realisation which, in spite of his apparently enormous success, Chaplin manages to express.

Women? No, I don't think so. I should think almost all women of note would have been intolerable to meet.

There is one thing which I have left to the last, because, for obvious reasons, I am not sure that it comes within the bounds of the question. Of all persons who have ever lived I would most like to meet and talk to Jesus Christ, partly, I think, because He was more than a person, and the question I would like to put to him—I believe it is the most important question in the world, and the answer to it the most momentous—Did you, or did you not, after three days, rise from the dead?

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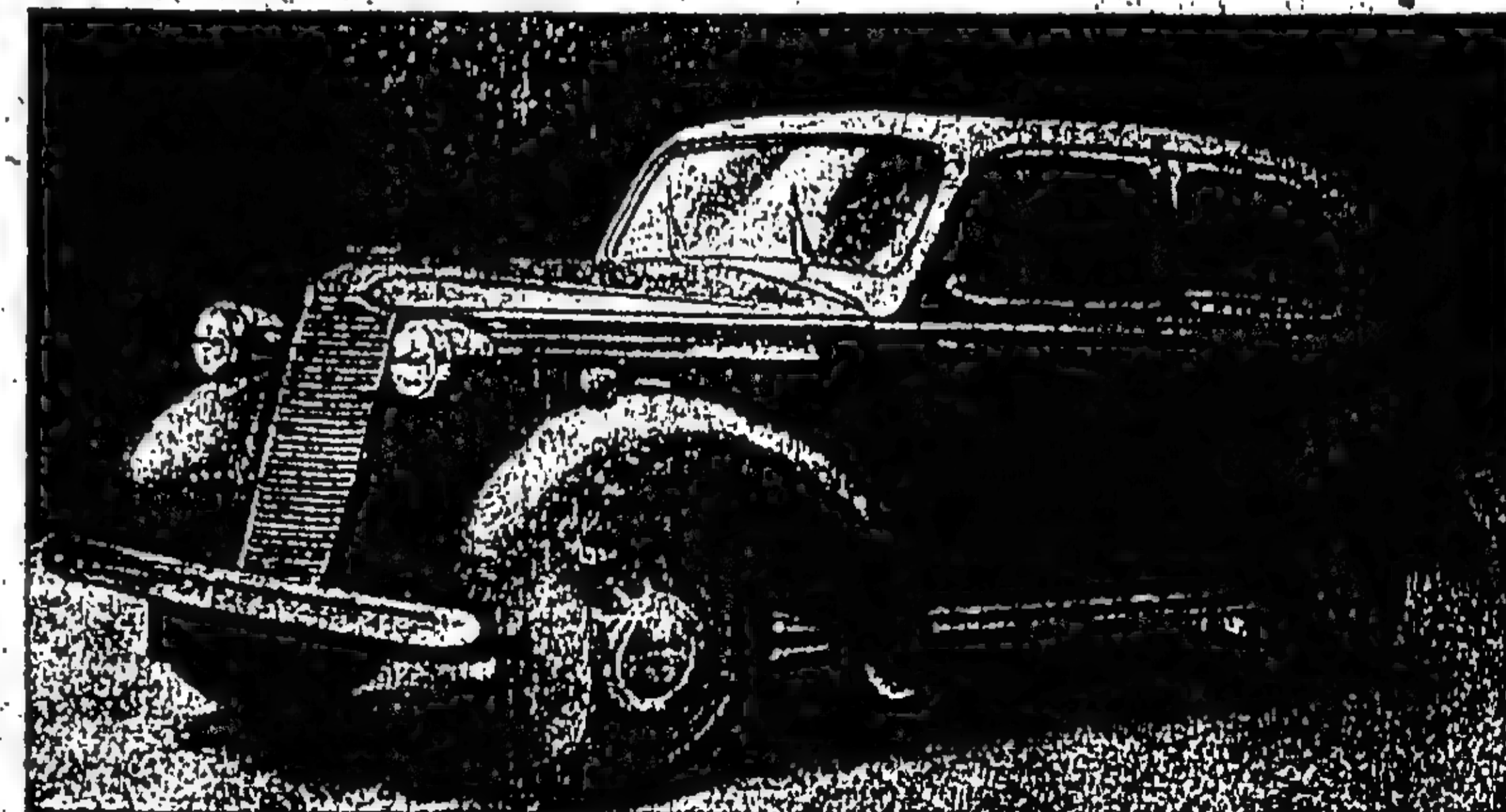
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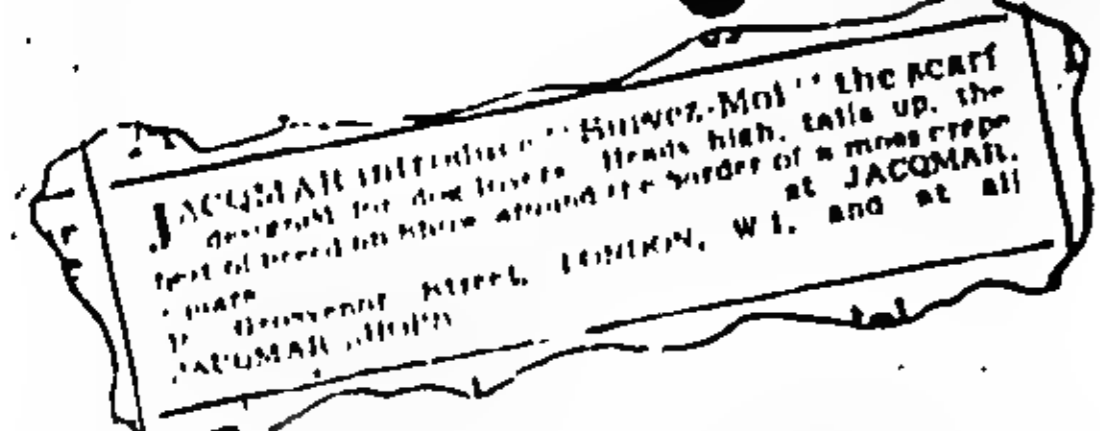
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## BETWEEN OURSELVES NEWS ABOUT THE NEW SKIRTS

There Is A Skirt For Every Occasion, And  
A Blouse To Go With It.

By JANET MARTIN

Skirts have never been more varied in style nor more exciting in detail. No matter what your fancy—or your figure—you cannot possibly go through any book of the new fashions without finding several skirt effects to please you. Your choice can range from the slimmest pencil line, through flared panels and pleats to the widest swirling circle.

If you feel that the long, swinging, full-gathered styles are not for you, there is no need to despair, for if the fullness does not suit you, there are lots of pleated or draped styles that will.

Odd skirts for morning wear are definitely less severe and plain. Tweeds are being cut with sets of flared gores inserted into the front panel, or with flared pleats which flatten the larger hipline. Soft woollens are cut to fall in gentle folds all round, or knife-pleated from the hips. All round flares or pleats are kind to all figures, as we can remember from pre-war days.

As far as costumes are concerned, even the most ardent exponents of the New Look allow us an ample choice of skirts. Your waist hugging jacket, with its flared peplum, may be worn over a full-skirted skirt if you are tall and slim; but if you are not so tall and not so slim, it will look just as effective, and be equally fashionable, over a slim fitting skirt.

The Paris collections have featured both these combinations equally. The full skirt definitely tops the list, though that does not mean that other types are excluded. The full skirt, gathered or folded into a high, fitting waistband is a most useful standby. It is "right" for the afternoon and will carry you on to a cocktail party.

The slim skirt is just as important. Everyone needs an odd black skirt to wear with a pretty blouse, and the odd jacket. Have one made to drape around snugly, buttoning down the side; gored or flared at your discretion, with seams piped to hip level or inserted with little stitched welts of the same material.

The narrowing waist calls for a more built-up top, raising the top edge a little above the natural waistline, by means of a stiffened, fitted waistband.

For evening wear there are as many variations again. Shown here is Jean Bennett, Universal Int. Star, wearing a dramatic out-skirt over a plainly draped gown. The skirt, of heavy gold brocade, opens down the front to reveal

the gown. It is tightly gathered into a wide, stiffened waistband which buckles across at the front.

**Slim And Tiered Skirts**  
To wear with the newest evening blouses, off the shoulder with frills or ruffles, all but the very slim and narrow waisted will prefer a slender ankle length skirt. The smartest of these are being made with a slight draping over the left hip and a slit at the ankle to allow room for dancing.

Then there is the tiered skirt—lovely in taffetas, black or midnight blue, to wear with a lace blouse top. The tiers may be gathered or flared, but the material needs to be fairly stiff so that each tier stands out well. With one good evening skirt and several tops, you can have as many completely different outfits. Long sleeved—short sleeved, decollete, topless, according to the occasion.

Nel is an excellent choice for the evening skirt, for it goes well with the lace or frilly blouses and tops. Also it can be trimmed in so many different ways—bound with satin ribbon, stitched with sequins or beads, or embroidered with self coloured flowers cut from satin or velvet and appliqued on.

A completely circular skirt is one of the most popular of all the full-skirted styles, for it does not add so much bulk to the hipline as a gathered skirt. It lends length, grace and movement to the figure, and is particularly charming for dancing.

### Long Skirt For Evening



This heavy brocade skirt worn by Joan Bennett, Universal-Int. star, falls back to show the softly gathered gown below. It is ideal for 'evening-season parties.

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## THE LONG AND SHORT OF HAIRSTYLES

By CLAUDIA

There's only one new rule about hair styles, and that, as I said last week, is to keep every style neatly groomed and fitting to the natural line of the head.

Apart from that, you may wear your hair any way that suits you, long, longish or short.

Loosely flowing styles are "out," they just don't fit in with the more elaborate and frilly dresses we are wearing. So, the experts tell us, is the pompadour giving way to the smoothly brushed top and sleek crown.

Naturally the hair stylists have been busy inventing new coiffures for the New Look clothes and, strange to say, their most startling "new invention" up to the present, is the return of the "bun." Long hair is in the picture again, not worn coiled up on the top, but twisted, looped or braided in to all kinds of coils and chignons.

So if your hair is long you are lucky...you can go ahead and experiment with new designs in buns without having to wait. The only stipulation about the bun is that it must be as large as possible, so don't hesitate to use a little padding if necessary.

The combing of your own hair, stuffed into a bun net and covered from the open side by another net, make an excellent pad which can be easily washed. Then you can coil your hair over the pad, fixing the hairpins through it securely.

**Coiling A Bun.**  
There are many ways of coiling the bun. The hair must first be smoothly brushed and lifted away from the ears. Then, as you make the coil, twist it slightly so that it will stay firm. The

coil can be a simple twist round a figure eight double coil low on the neck.

The front may be brushed flat, with a slight wave at the sides or, if it suits you better, keep the front pieces short and arrange in rolls or curls. A rolled fringe, with the hair rolled under looks particularly attractive with the classic "bun."

If your hair is longish, but yet long enough for the coiling of a bun, there are several ways in which you can achieve the same effect. One way is to brush the hair well back and tie firmly at the nape of the neck. Then curl under the ends in a loose roll and draw the roll out with your fingers until it is wide enough for you to bring the ends right round until they meet, forming the roll into a circle. Then secure with pins and you have the "bun" effect.

### HAIR CARE



Another way with longish hair, when the ends are permed, is to make a curled chignon. To do this, brush the hair back as be-

fore and tie, arranging your side waves or curls. Now separate the ends into strands and arrange into flat curls which can be pinned down into a chignon shape.

### Page Boy Style

For a page boy bob, always the first favourite with young girls, great care must be taken to set the roll absolutely smoothly so that it curls evenly, without a break. No spraying out at the back. The roll is quite easy to set if you do it in the following way.

Make a side parting and get a deep wave on the side opposite the parting. Next set the side hair in flat curls all curling towards the face, keeping the curls at exactly the same level on either side. Now smooth the back hair carefully, pressing it to the shape of the head and tie a ribbon round below the "bump" at the back of the head, to make the hair "shape" to the skull. Lastly roll the back hair under in pinned curls, forming a semi-circle.

Shorter hair has many new styles, many of which favour curls or waves covering the ears. One features soft waves pulled forward over the ears with a shingled back.

Another has a short, slightly shaped fringe with short brushed-up curls at the sides and back, while another shingled style has a diagonal parting and soft curls over the ears...top brushed smoothly across.

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## Between Ourselves: Continued from Page 16 PARIS COLLECTIONS PROVIDE CONTRASTS

By PRESTON GLOVER

Paris opening fashion show disclosed that it is going to be a "Black Spring" and flowers are there to be picked off the hat.

Fully half the dresses, suits and coats at the first openings were black or heavily trimmed with black. Hat shows have been going on for some time, but one of the important houses displayed quite a lot of black in the hats either as straw, or as decoration.

Colorful hats and colorful gowns of bright cotton and silk prints were also present. Waist lines are slender. Some of the mannequins looked as if their middles had been pulled in with a draw string.

The first show was Jean Dessès'. His daytime hemlines were 12 inches from the floor, and afternoon skirts dropped to nine or 10 inches. Evening gowns reached the ankles or even swept the floor.

Dresses gave up trying pioneering in the harem style of dress, pulled in and bag-like at the bottom.

He went in strongly for pleats, both fine and big deep ones. The result was that he used up yards and yards of material, and the dresses billowed out widely when the mannequins spun around at the end of the runways.

### Hat Tricks

All the hats had one thing in common. They sat high on the head and the crowns were felt. Hair was dressed high, too, so that some of the hats could barely cling on. Hidden small pins held some of them. Others resorted to concealed elastic loops into the hair. Still others were unashamedly held on with hard of ribbon or veils.

There were piles of feathers and flowers in the hats. And the hats themselves were sometimes large and sometimes—to be different—small.

So long as you do not have to make the hat fit down over the head, there is a wide variety of shapes you can invent. The Le Groux sisters played often with a model that looked like a soup plate. Sometimes they turned the edge up, and sometimes down, and sometimes just they dented it.

These could be concocted in fine or coarse straw, or in felt. Flying black and white wings and even blue wings, decorated several of them.

### New Colours

In Dessès show, there were many black things but also colors, including—May-green—silk prints, blue and white cotton prints, fresh and crisp, and considerable light wool and linen. He had a certain shade of red that he used over and over again. In organics, shimmering silks, and in bows tied around the waist.

It is a red that I have seen

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To prevent scuffing the finish on the heels of women's shoes, paint the heels with colourless nail polish.

An idea to make your linens last longer: Iron them and place them in different folds each time.

For travellers: to protect labels on luggage, rub a warm candle over the addressed labels after the ink has dried. This will prevent the ink becoming smeared if the labels are in the rain.

A dainty receptacle can be made by cutting an empty salt box in two and covering the bottom half with wallpaper or material to harmonize with your bedroom or powder room.

Remove a water stain from flower bowls by filling them with water and adding a few drops of any good bleach. Let stand about ten minutes, and the bowl will be entirely free from stain.

A delicious topping for hot cinnamon toast can be made of strained honey mixed with soft butter. This can also be used instead of the regular syrup for pancakes.

To brighten up cream soups and chowders, sprinkle with grated or sliced cheese.

Use a medicine dropper when measuring liquid food colouring. It is not only much easier to obtain the desired pastel tint when colouring is added a drop at a time, but also more economical. Such a dropper is also good for adding strong flavouring extracts and oils.

Use flower-scented toilet soap for laundering pillow cases, neck towels, handkerchiefs and lingerie. The effect is really delightful.

only on peasant women of the plains and hills of Northern India and it is said to be made from Mango blossoms.

Dessès had one specialty trick which he tried on a half dozen suits and afternoon dresses. He cut away the forward part of the coat to leave a white-shirted bust free.

### Low Necklines

Some of his necklines were quite low, and wide as a head waiter's waistcoat. One gay little model consisting of a white blouse and black silk skirt exposed both the upper and under side of the breasts and was pretty exciting. It was meant to be.

Suits for the most part were of relatively simple design. They had one thing in common with the dresses—the fit from the waist up was close, and it helped if you had fairly broad shoulders to emphasize the narrowness of the waist. Jackets flared at the hips and skirts were full and swinging. He abandoned some of the broad hips that he had last Autumn, but even so there was plenty of cloth about the hips.

And one other thing—he used hoops on two or three of his dresses. They were just plain, undisguised hoops sewn into the coarse armour of a buckram underskirt—No fuss, no frill.



## Here comes fashion—'48

JANUARY 1948—and what does fashion hold for us? It is safe to predict that this is a year that will seal the transition from the "Old Look" to the "New Look." When the small-waisted, rounded, doll-like silhouette will only be rivalled by the equally feminine "Cocoon," or "swapped-around" silhouette, and when angularity will bid farewell. Even shoulders will become softly rounded. As for skirts, there are already rumors from America that mid-calf length will be right for spring and that women have tired of the too long skirt.

Here Berill has illustrated some of the new tendencies:

1. A dressmaker suit in fine wool has a tightly fitting top, a nipped-in waist and a short jacket flaring out over the hips to give a dancing-doll silhouette.
2. A short top curtains the rounded shoulders of this infantile coat which has a wide pulled-in belt to make for that "little" waist.
3. For the long-limbed woman is the "Cocoon" or "swapped-around" silhouette. Here the checked jacket is worn open to show how the clever use of pockets draws attention to the hips and gives a posttop look to the skirt.
4. To prove that the long jacket is still with us, note this 1948 version with its softly rounded collar, wide armholes, tiny waist, and the spectacular pockets which give the necessary emphasis to the hips without the use of padding.

EDNA McKENNA

## "BEAUTY IS BUT SKIN DEEP"

By VICTOR MAMAK

Whatever the normal implication and significance of the above saying may be, literally it is of interest to beauticians, for skin preservation is the first law of beauty and a clear, healthy skin is the first and most important step towards it.

It would be fun finding out a few facts about human skin, which is the largest single organ of the body and is by far the most versatile. All other organs of the body are contained within the skin. If any major portion of the skin should be seriously interfered with, or injured, life could not long continue.

The skin serves partly as a "thermostat" to keep the temperature of the body at 98.6 degrees, regardless of whether the outside temperature is above 100 or below freezing point. In a hot atmosphere it holds the temperature uniform by perspiration and evaporation—in cold, by insulation. Thus the skin acts both as a refrigerator and heating plant.

Like other organs of the body, the skin, too, has duties to perform—the most important being the elimination of body fluid. Out of the 60 ounces (average) of body fluid excreted daily, 22 per cent is normally excreted by the skin. Therefore, the skin must be kept clean in order that this excretory process can be properly carried on.

### Nourishing The Skin

The skin receives its nourishment from the blood stream. Hence, its appearance, or as we say, its youth and beauty, depend largely upon its circulation. Little wonder, then, that exercise and massage form such important parts of Beauty Culture. Practically all nerves of the body pass from the rest of the universe,

have their endings either directly or indirectly in the skin structure.

Thus the skin is in constant contact with all parts of the body. It is easy to understand, then, why any serious skin injury can readily create such an unfavorable reaction on the nervous system. By the same rule, any serious impairment of an internal organ becomes evident on the surface of the skin. It is so closely related to nearly every other part of the body that it almost shows our very frame of mind as well as our general physical condition.

The true skin is the corium or dermis, from which the epidermis grows. One may remove the epidermis (it varies in thickness) without leaving a scar, because the dermis will produce a new protective layer of skin. But if the dermis is seriously injured by burns, cuts or deep peeling, a scar will result.

### Skin Structure

If we examine the human skin under a microscope, we soon learn that it has very interesting and intricate parts. We are then able to fully appreciate that any mechanism as sensitive and complicated as the human skin, especially those of the face, is deserving of respectful consideration, particularly in regard to the selection of anything to be applied to the surface.

Space does not permit me to go into more details of this really marvelous organ, our outer covering, but here is a very interesting quotation from "The Human Body" by Logan Clendinning, M.D.—"The skin is one of the most interesting and mystic of structures. It is the outer rampart which separates us from the rest of the universe,

the sack which contains that juice or essence which is me, or which is you, a most defensive against insects, poisons, germs, and surgeons, through which they must break before they can storm the citadel.

A great dermatologist has called it "the mirror of the system." How its texture and colour change with changes in the bodily health—now white with the pallor of fatigue or sepsis, now blue with the cyanosis of heart-failure, now greyish yellow with what physicians call the cachexia of degenerative disease. It reacts to heat, to bitter cold, to the light of the sun, to the blowing of the winds. The very storms of the soul are recorded on it—the deep flush of anger or humiliation, the pale tenseness of fear or excitement, the sparkling iridescence of triumph or of ecstasy."

If "beauty is but skin deep," the most obvious thing to do would be to take care of the skin!

## Amateurs Annoy Art Models

London. Britain's artists' models have declared "open war" on society women, ball-dancers, and casuals who, they allege, are taking away their livelihood by posing for small fees or, in some cases, for no fees at all.

Backed up by a new association they have drawn up a "professional charter" that not only provides for "a closed shop," but seeks similar conditions to those prevailing in the United States.

The Models Association charged that too many wealthy women in search of a new diversion are offering themselves as models.

Some of them are even said to be prepared to pay artists to allow them to pose.

"An artist, however, declared 'I can not afford to refuse the services of any woman who offers to pose for nothing. An influential woman who is now posing for me has promised to get me quite a number of commissions among her friends.'"

Miss Pat Morphy, Secretary of the Association, said: "We have won our first victory with an assurance by art schools in different parts of the country that only members of our association will in future be employed by them. But our biggest complaint is against the casuals who pose for individual artists 'just for the fun of it.'"

Britain's full-time professional models average only about five guineas a week. As the majority of them are employed by art schools, they find themselves without any work during the long vacation periods unless they are able to secure employment with professional artists.

When washing powders are added to laundry soaps, mix them thoroughly, and then add the clothes. Never sprinkle the powder over the clothing, as it may be so heavy that it will damage the fibres.

## Soon To Play In Shakespeare Festival

Diana Wynyard, one of Britain's most charming stage and screen actresses, interviewed in the B.B.C.'s Overseas Service. She is shortly to take part in the next Shakespeare Festival at Stratford-on-Avon, where she will play such widely different roles as the Queen in "Hamlet" and Desdemona in "Othello."

Diana Wynyard, who is married to film-director Carol Reed, is a Londoner, and made her first stage appearance when she was nine. After gaining experience on London and New York, she appeared as a star in London, Paris and New York. Of her many stage and film successes, perhaps the greatest have been "Watch on the Rhine," which won her the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award, and "The Wind of Heaven," also a New York Drama Critics' Circle Award.



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# ARMY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Land Forces Still At Head Of Table Gunners In Good Position

This week both the Inniskillings and HQ Land Forces have completed the first half of their League programme. HQ Land Forces have exceeded all expectations in only suffering one defeat, (this week saw them have a very good win against the Buffs) but with the departure, within the next four weeks, of Tolladay, Baulch, Usherwood and Hamblett, all returning home for release, HQ will have a hard task to keep their place at the head of the table.

The Inniskillings, who are, at the moment, occupying second place in the League, have two defeats showing against them, one of these being by default. All the other teams in the league still have some games to play, and of these the Artillery, following their 14-0 win against the Buffs, look likely favourites for the leadership when all the teams reach the half-way stage.

### 25 FD Regt 14 BMH 0

Much to the delight of their home supporters the gunners rattled up their highest total to date at Gun Hill on Wednesday. There is very little to report on a game of this nature except to say that the 25th Field Regiment, supported by the Buffs, put up a dogged resistance against the Artillery, but in the second half the Buffs collapsed badly to concede a further nine goals. Individual scorers were: Bates 5, Marsden 3, Goldrick 3, Russell 1, Hughes 1, Nassau 1, the last named being the left back.

### HQ Land Forces 4

Conditions were perfect at Happy Valley on Thursday when the Buffs met HQ Land Forces, and the spectators were treated to some good football which was played by both teams. This game was easily the best game of the week, both teams playing at full pressure for the whole seventy minutes. HQ Land Forces were at full strength and took the field determined to maintain their position at the top of the League.

The Buffs attacked strongly from the kick-off, and their forwards, aided by some bad mis-kicks in the HQ defence—a defence that always takes just a little too long in which to settle down—looked really dangerous. Gradually, however, the league leaders settled down to some constructive football and four the Buffs defence was even more unsteady than their own. The Buffs full backs were allowing the two wingers, Rogers and Baulch, far too much rope, and HQ should have been two goals up fairly quickly, but Tolladay shot wide on both occasions. The first goal was not long in coming, however, the scorer being Wright who HQ inside left who scored from a free kick awarded for hands. It was a good shot—a curling shot from an oblique angle but with better positioning Thompson should have held it. Play continued even on both sides and the Buffs came very close to equalising when Sydes nodded a centre just wide of the post. The HQ forwards always looked more dangerous and after twenty minutes play they increased their lead through Tolladay who scored with an excellent shot after a good solo run. Shortly before half-time the same player made the spectators

### ST. JOHN'S DINNER

The Hong Kong branch of the St. John's Alumni Association will hold its annual dinner meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay.

Mr. T. W. Kwok will deliver the presidential address and make a number of important announcements.

The local association will be completely reorganized in view of the increasingly important role played by St. John's Alumni in South China. Reservations should be made before Feb. 24th by calling any of the following Committee members:—Mr. Ho Ka Lau (24420), Mr. Wellington Hale (32087) or Mr. Patrick Wu (25680).

### CEMENTS DIVIDEND

The Directors of the Green Island Cement Company, Ltd., announce that, subject to audit, they will recommend at the forthcoming ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders to be held on March 24, the payment of a dividend of \$3 per "Old" share and 75 cents per "New" share, free of tax, from the balance standing at the credit of the Profit & Loss Account at December 31st, 1947.

### FOOD PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of Donations to the Food Parcels Fund received up to February 24:—John and Mary \$20; Anonymous \$50; \$70. Received up to February 14th, 1948 and already acknowledged \$37,889.59. Total Donations received up to February 20th \$37,939.69.

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10.30 a.m.—Relay of the Service from the Holy Trinity Church, Wellington Barracks, Freshwater, The Rev. Clifford Davies.

During the course of the Service a New Church Bell will be Dedicated.

11.30 a.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Think on These Things."

11.45 p.m.—Organ: Holberg Suite. London String Orchestra.

12.00 a.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: British Chamber Music.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.55 p.m.—A Light Concert.

1.00 p.m.—Songs by English Composers.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Reports and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Piano Trios.

1.30 p.m.—Music by Haydn.

2.00 p.m.—Clock Room.

2.45 p.m.—London Relay: Weekly News Letter.

3.30 p.m.—Theatre Memories.

4.00 a.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Light Orchestral Favourites.

7.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Ode to a Poet" by A. T. ...

8.15 p.m.—London Relay: ITMA with ...

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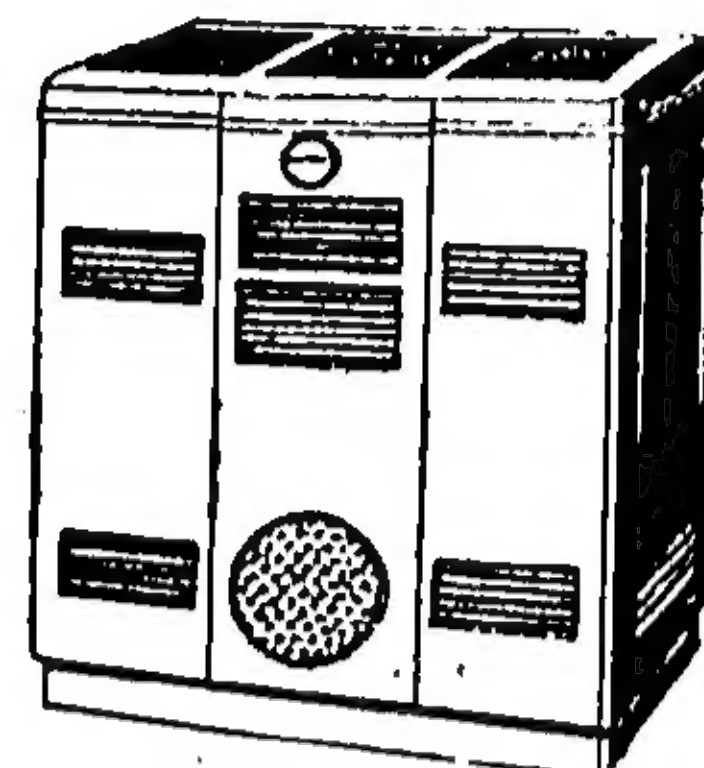
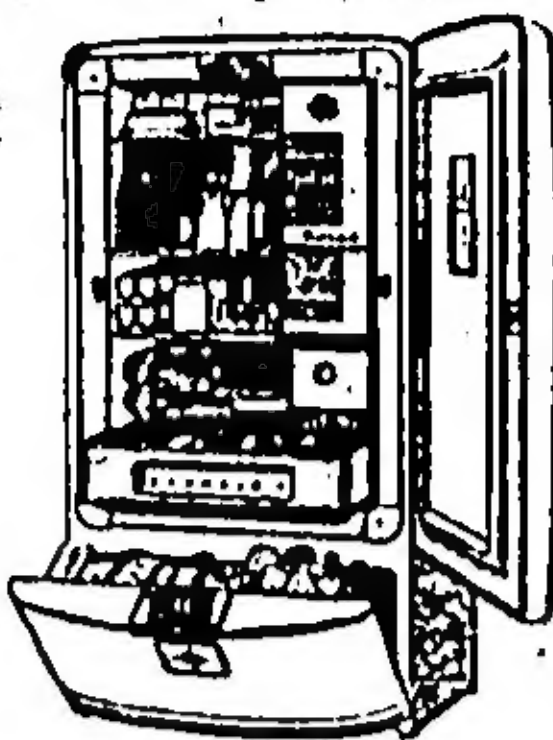
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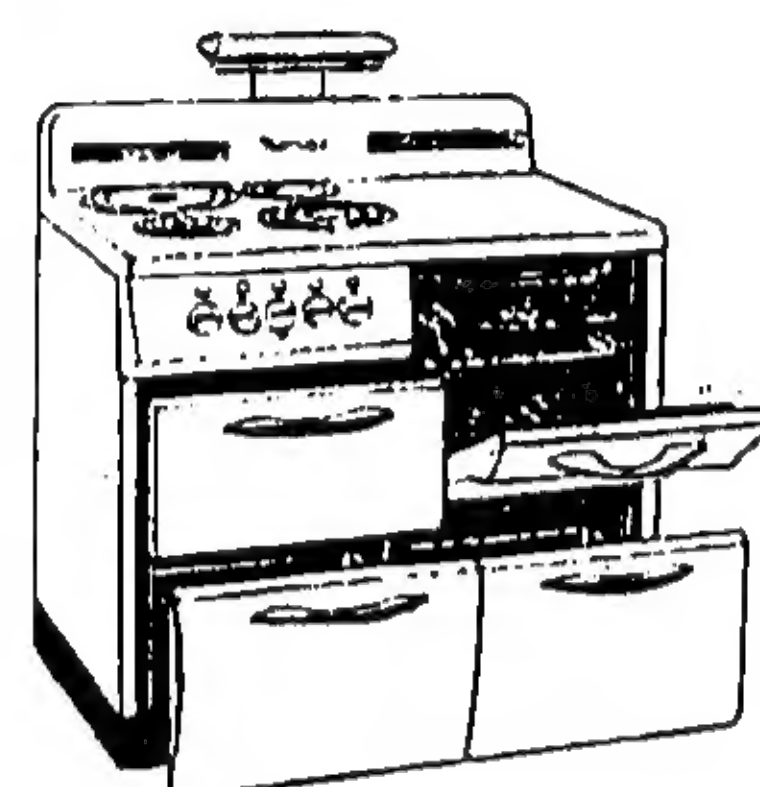


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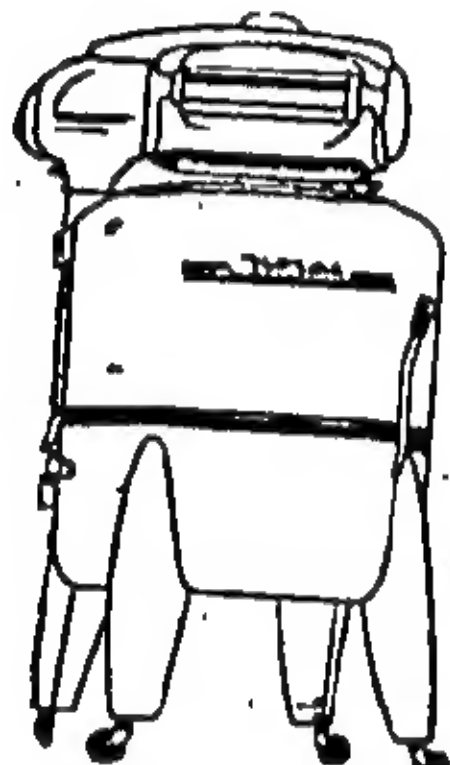
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# RECREIO HAVE REVENGE

## Badminton League Results

(By Argonaut)

Recreio fully avenged their previous defeat at the hands of the University when in a return encounter last Friday they returned the same compliments of 5 games to 4 to the undergrads. In the other Badminton Mixed Doubles game of the week, Sing Tao fielding two new ladies Mrs. T. W. Tso & Mrs. W. C. Chung in their team easily got the better of the V.R.C. by 9 games to 0.

Recreio fully deserved their victory, being a better team all round and had only themselves to blame for not having won by a wider margin. This was to a great extent due to the very poor form displayed by their second pair, Gonsalves and Mary, who never seemed to be able to get going. Mary being rather on the slow side at the net.

Mythie, however, gave a scintillating display and was almost impregnable at the net, showing excellent anticipation. It was a real treat to watch her deal with all her poor returns at the net.

Remedios and Olga managed to shake off their string of off-forms and played a great part in their Club's victory by winning two of the most crucial games.

The University team took to court with J.C. Koh substituting for T.T. Chin and with all their pairings reshuffled. They put up a game fight against superior odds, the men especially doing their part in full measure. Adele Heah and May Leong have improved tremendously since their last games, but lacked the experience of their vis-a-vis and were included to stay too far back into the rear court.

May Leong, however, in particular exhibited a pleasing style, and with youth and a cool temperament on her side should go far in local badminton. Betty Chung was completely off-colour and K.S. Law had a rather miserable time trying to cover all her weaknesses.

The full results were:—  
Mrs. M. Silva and M.A. Oliveira beat B. Chung and K.S. Law 21-12, beat A. Heah and S.A. Vanar 21-4, beat M. Leong and J.C. Koh 21-13.

M. Ribeiro and H.F. Gonsalves 1st to B. Chung and K.S. Law 10-21, lost to A. Heah and S.A. Vanar 19-21, lost to May Leong and J.C. Koh 13-21.  
C. Silva and J.J. Remedios beat Betty Chung and K.S. Law 21-18, beat A. Heah and S.A. Vanar 21-11, lost to May Leong and J.C. Koh 16-21.

## Tournament?

With Recreio and University each having lost 2 matches in the Mixed Doubles League, Sing Tao, who are still unbeaten, will probably have no difficulty in winning the Championship and at the same time complete their unbeaten record. There remain only 4 more games to be played and with the play-off of the University "A" and Sing Tao return match on March 19 the curtain drops on the 1947-1948 Mixed Doubles League.

The Men's Doubles League, however, will not be completed until after April 7 and since there is only a very limited time remaining available for the Open Championship events, it is wondered if it is not advisable to make a start to the Mixed Doubles Open Championship immediately after the end of the League. Moreover, any lapse of interval may possibly bring about a deterioration in interest in the game among the lady players, and the standard in the Open Championship will consequently not be the highest.

While on the subject of the Open Championships, another point of major interest which may be mentioned is that of shuttle-cocks. It is gratifying to hear that the Badminton Association is contemplating taking over a sizable stock of Ayres shuttles for this purpose.

During the progress of the present League, the problem of getting a constant supply of shuttles has been a continual headache to Club representatives, and the suggestion has been put forward by many of them that the Association adopt the policy of the Malaysian Badminton Association in a few months prior to the Badminton season, and ordering at a special discount a sufficient quantity to last throughout the whole season.

This will also ensure that only one particular approved brand of shuttles be used throughout the League and Open Championship games and will save a great deal of unpleasantness with regard to speed, weight etc., of the different kinds of shuttles now being used.

## World Title

Badminton fans all over the colony may be interested to know that competition for the Thomas Cup, emblem of world supremacy of the feather game, is now well under way. The competition is run more or less on the Davis Cup system, consisting of 3 Singles and 2 Doubles, playing all round making a total of 13 games.

In the Pacific zone Malaya, the sole entry, has entered the semi-finals, which will be played in London. India is in the American zone together with Canada, U.S.A., and Mexico, while Denmark is in the European zone with England, France, Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Sweden and Belgium. Favourite in the European zone is Denmark, while India is expected to do well in the American zone.

After the impressive display of Samuel's team, consisting of Samuel, Koa Leong and A. S. "mut" by no means Malaya's best in the recent All-India championships and in the international tests with India and Denmark, Malaya is now favoured to win the Thomas Cup this year. One Indian critic writes:

"If Malaya has better players than these, then she certainly deserves to win. It was a real test meeting them." In the words of A.S. Samuel himself he will probably lead the Malayan team "in all probability, Malaya and Denmark, or Malaya and India, will be the finalists in the Thomas Cup" games to be played in London next year.

Hong Kong is still far behind world standard, and will remain so for an indefinite length of time, unless the Badminton Association do something about it. One great drawback here is that Badminton is played only during the winter, but even then attempts should be made to start the season earlier every year and extend it as long as possible into the year.

Attempts should also be made to hold inter-port matches between Hong Kong and Shanghai and between Hong Kong and Malaya and even perhaps between Hong Kong and India in the near future. It may also be

Ireland caused a big surprise when they eliminated England in the International Rugby competition yesterday while the Internationals did well against Scotland, the favourites, to lose by only 12-8 after being led at the interval by 6-0.

The game was witnessed by a large crowd, among whom were Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, General Erskine, G.O.C., and Air Commodore S.N. Webster, A.O.C.

In the game between England and Ireland, Symes was off for a while with a cut in the head. There was no scoring at half time. In the second half the

English three-quarters pressed at the start but a good forward rush by the Irish forwards resulted in a try by Buckley. The kick failed.

An excellent dummy and a sidestep by Symes enabled his side to go for a try which was converted.

In the last minutes of the game England made desperate efforts to score but failed. In the other game the Internationals, with only 14 men in the first half, held Scotland to a score of 6-0 against them.

After Reed had cut through Scotland's defence, which Henderson failed to convert, Taylor scored another try soon after and Henderson failed again.

A good intercepted pass from the Scottish 25 gave the Internationals a try which Forrow converted. A further try by Gouffrey gave Scotland a 9-6 lead.

A good try by Williams, which Forrow failed to convert, reduced Scotland's lead but before the end Forrow scored to give Scotland a 12-8 win.

Y.M.C.A. Debates

Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead will speak on "Piracy" at the next meeting of the Debating Group of the European Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday at 8.30 p.m.

On March 3, the Group will conduct a debate on "The power of the State has increased, is increasing and ought to be stopped," to be proposed by Lt. Col. Brainer-Creagh and opposed by Dr. Rand. The debate will be under the chairmanship of Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

"Different types of crime" will be Mr. Latimer's talk on March 10. This meeting will be under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Himsforth.

Major-General Erskine will speak on "Conditions in Germany after the war" on March 24.

## TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (To H), 50 Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong this evening at eight thirty. The programme will include:—Le Coq D'Or—Suite by Rimsky-Korsakov; "Gopak" and excerpts from "Boris Godunov" by Moussorgsky; Concerto No. 3 in D minor—Rachmaninoff; Eugene Onegin by Tchaikovsky; Symphony No. 5 in E minor by Tchaikovsky.

## LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate, sworn under \$9,600, was left by the late Annabella Cameron Mackenzie or Kerr of 2, Kinn Gardens, Argyll, Scotland, who died at the same place on Jan. 22, 1943. An application for sealing certified copy grant of Confirmation in favour of Executors has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade, barrister-at-law, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Hong Kong (Trustee) Limited.

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Recreio	5	3	2	16
K.C.C.	4	1	3	9
V.R.C.	5	0	5	1

## MEN'S DOUBLES

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Sing Tao	9	0	0	18
Recreio "A"	7	0	0	14
University "B"	0	0	0	0
University "A"	0	0	0	0
Recreio "B"	0	0	0	0
K.C.C. "A"	0	0	0	0
St. John's	6	4	2	16
Chung Wah	7	4	3	18
Kowloon Tong	7	4	3	18
O.Y.M.C.A.	7	4	3	18
St. Teresa's "A"	7	4	3	18
St. Mary's	6	3	4	17
K.O.C. "B"	9	2	7	19
St. Teresa's "B"	8	2	6	16
V.R.C.	8	2	6	16
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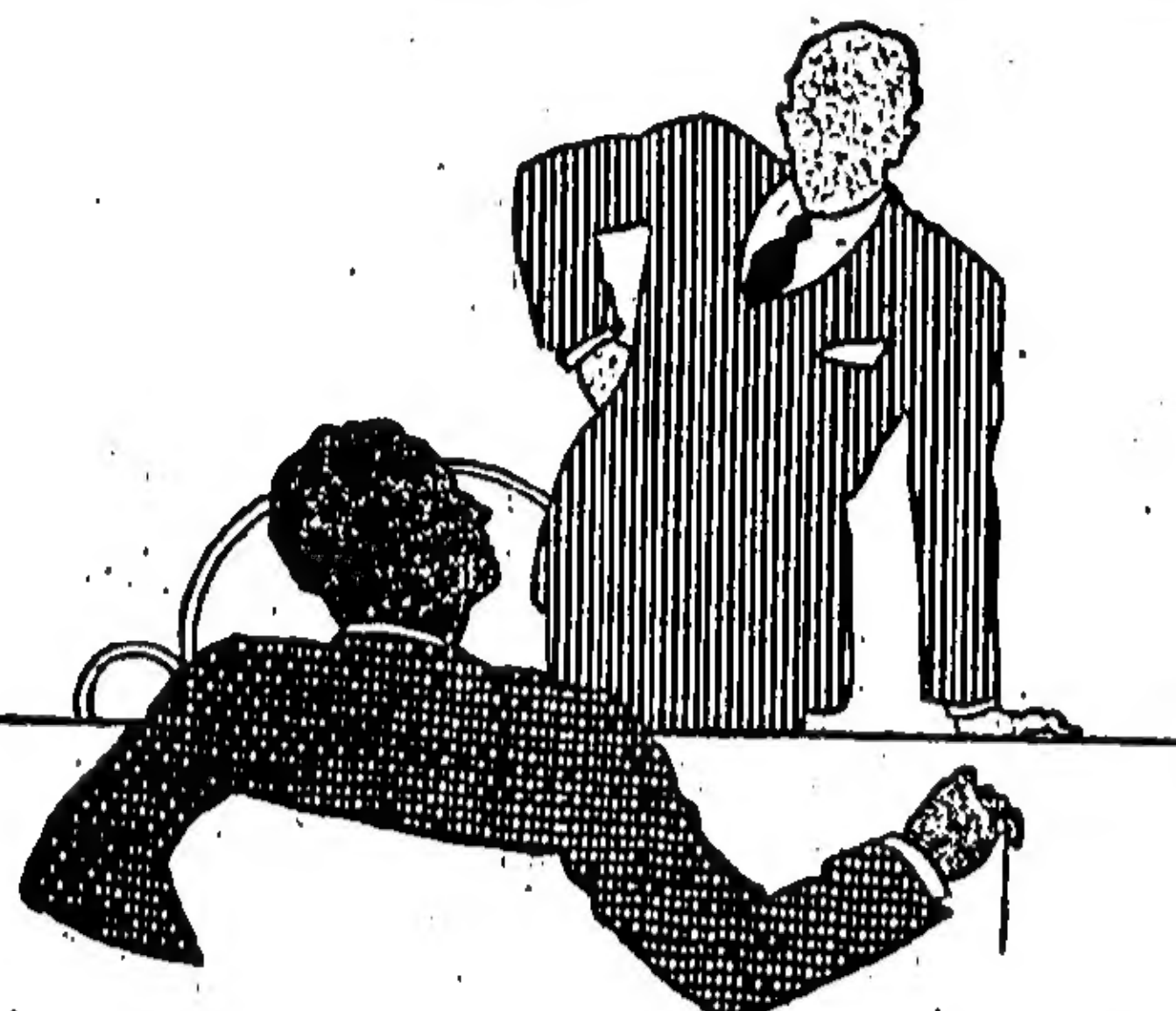
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